

Graham Hill Mutual Water Company, Inc.
Policy # 121493

The purpose of this policy, in conjunction with the WAC 246-290-490, Plumbing Code Chapter 10, State of Washington cross connection regulations and the current edition of the AWWA "Connection Control Manual- Accepted Procedure and Practice", is to protect the health of the water consumer and potable water in the distribution system. Inspection and regulation of all actual or potential cross connections between potable and non-potable systems is required to minimize the danger of contamination or pollution of the Graham Hill Mutual Water Company, Inc. potable water supply. Controlling and preventing cross connections is accomplished by either removing the cross connection or installing an approved backflow prevention assembly to protect the potable water supply.

The Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. is required to eliminate or control all cross connections throughout its service area.

Therefore, anyone wanting or using water for the Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. is required to comply with these regulations. The owner of the property in which a cross connection occurs is fully responsible for all damages incurred.

The Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. will enforce the provisions of this policy. The Board may delegate responsibilities to a Certified Cross Connection Control Specialist/Inspector. The provisions of this policy may supersede State regulations but in no case will they be less stringent. All provisions of this policy that exceed the State regulations shall be approved by Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. All backflow prevention assemblies required by this policy shall be approved by the Washington State Department of Health.

Approved backflow prevention assemblies required by this policy shall be installed under the direction of the Board and/or the supervision of the Cross Connection Control Specialist/Inspector per Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. standards.

All backflow prevention assemblies are required to be tested upon installation and annually thereafter and all Air Gaps installed in lieu of an approved backflow prevention assembly shall be inspected upon installation and annually thereafter. Completed test reports shall be maintained on file at Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. for a period of not less than three years. Test and Inspection may be required on a more frequent basis at the discretion of the Board.

Authorized employees of Graham Hill Mutual Water Co., Inc. with proper identification shall have free access at reasonable hours of the day to all parts of a premise or within buildings to which water is supplied. Water service shall be refused or terminated to any premise for failure to allow necessary inspections.

Failure of the customer to cooperate in the installation, maintenance, repair, inspection or testing of backflow prevention assemblies required by this policy shall be grounds for termination of water service to the premise or the requirement for an Air Gap