



BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Dear TUD Customer,

Many businesses and homeowners have backflow prevention assemblies (BPA's) installed at their service connection. These assemblies are installed to help protect the quality of water in the public water system by preventing the backflow of potentially contaminating water through cross connections. Per Tuolumne Utilities District Water Rules and Regulations, California Regulations and California Plumbing Codes, BPA's must be performance tested on an annual basis to ensure they are working properly to protect the district's water supply.

Effective October 1, 2022, the Tuolumne Utilities District is implementing a *BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM* to assist businesses and homeowners test these BPA's. We have had many favorable comments about this new program. We have had a few questions about the program that we would like to address with this letter. For your convenience here is a brief overview of the program:

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Tuolumne Utilities District has contracted with HydroCorp, Inc. to review and qualify BPA testing contractors, and assign BPA testing work through a selection process to certified, licensed, insured, and experienced contractors. **The testing fee will be paid for by Tuolumne Utilities District and then charged to you on your water bill.**

If your BPA requires repair or replacement due to a failed test or damage, HydroCorp will provide you with a notice that will contain a list of contractors who can complete the necessary work. The costs for the repair and installation services have also been competitively bid through our program manager, HydroCorp. You may also choose to find your own licensed plumber. If you need assistance in finding a qualified firm to perform the repairs, you may contact our program manager at the number below. Note that the home/business owner is responsible for fees related to the repair or replacement of BPA's and will pay the contractor directly for such services. **Any BPA's that have failed must be repaired and retested within 30 days of the testing revealing the need for such repairs.**

Again, effective October 1, 2022, all BPA testing will be coordinated through our program manager, HydroCorp, Inc. **If you have any questions concerning this letter or the BPA testing and maintenance program, or require additional information, please contact Amy at HydroCorp, Inc. at 1-844-493-7660 or 248-672-2153 (cell) or visit our website at: <https://watercustomer.com/tud>.**