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Reminder to Inspect Backflow Prevention Devices

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg would like to remind its water customers about the annual inspection requirement for backflow prevention devices.

Backflow prevention devices protect against the potential for contamination of the City's drinking water through cross connections. A cross connection is any actual or potential link or connection between the drinking water system and any source of potential contamination.

The Harrisonburg City Code, Virginia Maintenance Code, and Virginia Department of Health regulations require backflow devices, that protect Harrisonburg's water system, be tested and inspected on an annual basis, with test results that must get forwarded to the Building Inspections Division of Harrisonburg's Department of Planning and Community Development.

Systems which require backflow prevention devices include but are not limited to:

- Fire sprinkler systems
- Lawn irrigation system
- Steam or hot water heating systems
- Commercial swimming pools
- Facilities that have chemicals introduced into the water

Generally, one and two family dwellings and townhomes without these systems do not require backflow prevention device inspections.

Those water customers, who have a backflow prevention device that has not been inspected within the past year, will need to contact a licensed inspector to test and inspect the device. The inspector will need to be licensed by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Once the devices are inspected, the inspection report can be sent to Harrisonburg's Building Inspections Division of Harrisonburg's Department of Planning and Community Development at 409 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Questions? Contact the Building Inspections Division at 540-432-7700.

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