

NOTICE

As the owner of one or more **CROSS CONNECTIONS**, the Seekonk Water District is required by the Department of Environmental Protection, Drinking Water Program, under **310 CMR 22.22 (3) (n)** to notify and inform you of your responsibilities.

OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES under 310 CMR 22.22 (4):

The owner of any premises with one or more cross connections protected by a double check valve assembly or reduced pressure backflow preventer has the following responsibilities relative to cross connections:

- (a) Notify the public water system of all cross connections protected by a double check valve assembly or reduced pressure backflow preventer and comply with all necessary approvals and permits from the public water system and/or the Department for the maintenance of cross connections, as specified at 310 CMR 22.22;
- (b) Have suitable arrangements made so that inspections of backflow prevention devices and cross connection surveys can be made during regular business hours;
- (c) Maintain a spare parts kit and any special tools required for the removal and reassembly of backflow prevention devices;
- (c) Provide the necessary labor for inspection and testing by the Certified Backflow Prevention Device Testers or Certified Cross Connection Surveyor;
- (e) Overhaul, repair, or replace within 14 days of the initial inspection date and retest pursuant to 310 CMR 22.22 (13) (e), any device which fails a test or is found defective;
- (f) Submit copies of the Inspection and Maintenance Report Form as required by the public water system.
- (g) Maintain on the premises complete records on all devices for the life of said devices including as-built plans and design data sheets; maintain for seven years the Inspection and Maintenance Report Forms for tests conducted by the certified tester;
- (h) Make certain that the cross connection protection device is tested as specified by 310 CMR 22.22 (13) or as required by the public water system.

ENFORCEMENT under 310 CMR 22.22 (16)(a):

Whoever maintains a cross connection in violation of MGL c. 111, Section 160A shall be:

1. punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day such violation occurs or continues, or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, or
2. subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each day that such violation occurs or continues.

If this property is leased or under a contract to either a Management Company or an Operation and Maintenance Company it is still the responsibility of the owner to make sure these regulations are complied with.