

# EWEB Backflow Program Newsletter | Spring 2012

## | EWEB Training Center |

EWEB considers Oregon Certified Backflow Assembly Testers to be as important to protecting public health as EWEB staff who are Oregon Certified Water Distribution Operators and Water Treatment Operators.

Though anyone in Oregon can attend our courses, the primary intent of our training center is to assist local testers to become water quality professionals who in turn assist EWEB in cross connection control throughout our distribution system. EWEB customers rely on EWEB's public/private partnership to keep our water drinkable.

### TRAINING COURSE CREDITS

EWEB training courses are available for:

- CEU's (Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Committee)
- CEH's (Oregon Landscape Contractor Board)
- CR's (State of Oregon Plumbing Board)

### USC 10th EDITION MANUAL

The State of Oregon is currently moving toward the adoption of the USC 10th Edition Manual & backflow assembly test procedures. Although the 10th Edition procedures have only minor differences from the 9th Edition, they represent a more

accurate and definable test result. Beginning January 2012, all EWEB training classes will be conducted using the USC 10th Edition Manual and test procedures.



### *American Backflow Prevention Association: Partnership for Water Quality*

*In 2002 EWEB Training Center received permission from the Drinking Water Program to offer the ABPA exam. Four compelling reasons prompted this change:*

- *the exam is vetted and regularly updated by industry professionals;*
- *the exam has not been written by the instructors so it provides "third party" verification of backflow testing competency;*
- *the exam is secure;*
- *the exam asks applicants to demonstrate an understanding of hydraulics of backflow as well as testing and troubleshooting skills.*

*EWEB staff is committed to providing the opportunity for each student to learn everything they need to successfully complete the ABPA exam.*

**For more details and updates regarding EWEB Training Center activities, please view our website at [www.eweb.org](http://www.eweb.org) > for contractors & developers > backflow training**

