



Certified Backflow Assembly Tester Code of Conduct

EWEB recognizes its responsibility to protect the public water system from pollution and contamination. In fulfilling this responsibility, EWEB must take all reasonable precautions to prevent hazards originating on customer premises from degrading the public water supply.

To ensure the continued protection of the public water system, certified backflow assembly testers operating within EWEB's jurisdiction are expected to follow all relevant Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) and adhere to EWEB's Cross Connection Control (CCC) Program Standards.

The following outlines the Code of Conduct that all certified backflow assembly testers must follow:

1. Certification Requirement

Testers performing backflow tests in EWEB's jurisdiction must hold a current Backflow Assembly Tester Certification issued by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

2. Testing Procedures

All test procedures must follow the methods taught in an OHA-approved Backflow Assembly Tester course.

3. Regulatory Compliance

Testers must be familiar with and comply with all applicable City, State, and Federal (OSHA) codes and regulations.

4. Ethical Standards

Testers shall not knowingly:

- Falsify a test report.
- Allow another person to use their certification number.
- Perform other acts deemed unethical by the local authority (e.g., slandering / willfully share untrue information to mislead customer).

5. Annual Test Due Dates

Each backflow assembly in EWEB's service area is assigned a specific annual test due month. Assemblies must be tested within that designated month.

6. Test Report Submission

- Test reports must be submitted to EWEB Backflow within ten (10) working days of the initial test.
- If a specific issue arises, the tester must contact EWEB Backflow in a timely manner.

7. Test Report Format

- For assemblies already in EWEB's database, test results must be submitted via EWEB's online backflow database.
- For new, replaced, removed, or relocated assemblies, results must be submitted via email to backflow@eweb.org.

8. Assembly Assignment

Before conducting a test, testers must verify the assembly's status in EWEB's online backflow database and assign the existing record, if available.



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9. Failed Tests and Repairs

If an assembly fails the initial test, the tester must record in the comment field what actions were taken to achieve a passing result (e.g., repairs performed, parts replaced).

10. Replacement Assemblies

If testing a replacement assembly, the tester must provide the serial number of the removed assembly. If unknown, please state "unknown."

11. Below-Grade Assemblies

All assemblies installed below grade must have non-ferrous threaded plugs inserted in their test ports.

12. Tester Information Updates

Testers are responsible for notifying EWEB of any changes to their:

- Address
- Email
- Phone number(s)
- Certification/license status
- Test gauge(s)

13. EWEB Tester List

Testers must remain in good standing with EWEB to be included on EWEB's approved tester list.

Non-compliance with this Code of Conduct may result in the suspension or revocation of testing privileges within EWEB's jurisdiction.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

EWEB Backflow Program

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