

## LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM INFORMATION

The Village offers an online cross connection control (backflow preventer) tracking program. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires every water supplier to develop and implement a cross connection control program more commonly known as a backflow prevention program. Backflow prevention is designed to protect the public water supply from contamination from non-drinkable sources. Cross-connection hazards exist in a variety of places and can contaminate public drinking water. Some places this contamination takes place are: factories, processing plants, laundries, dental offices, hair salons, and residential in-ground sprinkler systems.

Cross connections are typically protected by a valve called a backflow preventer. Backflow preventers are the responsibility of the water customer. Each water customer is required to conduct annual testing and maintenance of the backflow preventer. The water customer must acquire a licensed tester to perform the required annual test and perform any necessary repairs identified. Most plumbing contractors are certified to test backflow preventers. A listing of certified and registered testers are available at <http://www.trackmybackflow.com/resources>.

Plumbing Code requires your backflow preventer be tested when the device is installed every season and annually thereafter. Additionally, lawn irrigation systems connected to a public water supply must be equipped with an (RPZ) backflow device.

Lincolnshire contracts with Aqua Backflow to oversee the Village's backflow program. Aqua Backflow specializes in cross connection control program implementation and management. If you have backflow protection, you may be notified for compliance (testing, repairs, installations or inspections) by Aqua Backflow and/or Village staff. Should you have any question related to this program, please contact Aqua Backflow at 847-742-2296 or Utilities Superintendent, Terry Hawkins at 847-913-2383. The Lincolnshire Cross Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with this program and any requests for information that may come from Aqua Backflow or Village staff.