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Instructions for Compliance to the Cross Connection Control/Backflow Prevention Program

Maintenance

Maintain existing backflow preventers in good working order. They must be tested **annually** by a backflow prevention [device tester licensed by the City of Cambridge](#) to ensure they are functioning as intended.

Testing

Make sure all of the backflow preventers are [tested](#), including devices on fire sprinkler and irrigation systems. The devices must be tested prior to the due date listed on the reminder notice.

- If your devices fail, have them repaired or replaced within forty-eight hours.
 - If you replace a device, include both the serial number for the device that was removed in addition to the serial number for the new device.
- If you remove a device, a test report must be submitted with the serial number of the device and the reason that it was removed.

Cross Connection Survey

Every three years a [survey](#) (audit) must be conducted to identify any new cross connections.

- If you need to install additional devices, a building permit will be required and an inspection conducted. Visit the [Building Permit](#) page on our website or contact building@cambridge.ca for permit requirements and submissions.

Submit Test Reports and Surveys

When all testing is complete, email a legible copy of the test reports and /or survey to backflow@cambridge.ca **within fourteen days**.

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