



## **Sidney Ohio Water Department Backflow Prevention**

The Backflow and Cross-Connection Control Program for the City of Sidney is overseen by the Sidney Water Treatment Plant and the Shelby County Health Department. The regulations governing the Backflow and Cross-Connection Control Program can be found in the City of Sidney Codified Ordinance, in section [911.03](#) and the Ohio Administrative Code in section [3745-95-01](#) through [3745-95-08](#).

The Backflow and Cross-Connection Control Program oversees the installation and testing of backflow devices on water service lines to isolate the potable water system from contaminants that could backflow into the potable water system. The types of facilities that are required to have backflow devices are Hospitals, Laboratories, Sewage Treatment Plants, Chemical Plants, Irrigation Systems, and other facilities who (in the judgment of the Utilities Director or the Water Plant Superintendent) have a potential to have a cross-connection between the public water system and a potentially hazardous substance.

Backflow Prevention Devices are required to be inspected and tested by a person certified by the Ohio Department of Health when they are installed and every 12 months thereafter. A copy of the test results must be sent to the Sidney Water Treatment Plant each year. The device must be dismantled, inspected internally, cleaned, and repaired whenever needed and at least every 30 months.

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