

**Protecting our
drinking water ...**



**... for the ones that
matter the most.**



**Columbus Water Works
Main Office**



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**Important
Information
About Your
Plumbing
and
Backflow
Prevention
Devices**



Who?

As a customer of the Columbus Water Works, you may be affected by the addition of a backflow prevention device to your water meter. These devices are required by both State and Federal law.

What?

Backflow, or water flowing "backwards" from your home's pipes towards the water mains in the street, can be caused by the increased pressure in your home. One such example happens when your water heater heats the water within your system. If there is no way to relieve this pressure, damage could result in your home plumbing system.

NOTE: PRESSURE BUILD-UP DOES NOT OCCUR IN SEPARATE METERED IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.

When?

As water meters are replaced due to age, they are being replaced with a combination water meter backflow prevention assembly. Hundreds of meters are replaced each month. This notice is being provided to you because your meter is being replaced.

Why?

As the provider of municipal drinking water, the Columbus Water Works is required under Federal law to protect the water system from being compromised by the water flowing back into the system after it has been delivered through a customer's water meter. This provides protection to all of our customers from contaminant's being introduced, either accidentally or intentionally, into the drinking water.

How?

Your home plumbing system can be protected by the installation of a simple pressure relief device. This simple to install device can usually be installed at your washing machine connection.



Where?

This pressure relief device is offered by the Columbus Water Works at our cost of \$25 and can be obtained at our business office at 1421 Veterans Parkway. The device comes with clear instructions on how to connect the device to your washing machine's cold water line. If you prefer, you may obtain alternate types of protection and installation services from your plumber.

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