



Backflow Assembly Testers Code of Conduct

Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) recognizes that the water purveyor has the responsibility of protecting the public water supply. Thus, in the exercise of this responsibility Mesa must take all reasonable precautions to protect the potable water supply from the hazards originating on the premises of its customers that may degrade the water in Mesa's distribution system.

To this end, in accordance with State Regulations Title 17, The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986 and Public Law 99-339, Mesa has compiled a Code of Conduct for backflow assembly testers.

1. Only Licensed/Valid Orange County Certified Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers may test in Mesa's service area.
2. A tester must not knowingly falsify the results of backflow assembly field tests performed by him/her.

EXAMPLES:

- A. Signing backflow test forms he/she did not perform
 - B. Making unneeded repairs
 - C. Not having proper backflow certification to perform tests in Orange County
 - D. Not using proper test procedures as established by the USC Foundation for Cross Connection Control & O.C. Health Department.
 - E. Using Unauthorized test equipment.
3. **A TESTER MUST NOT REMOVE OR REPLACE A BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM MESA.**
 4. **ALL BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY TEST REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MESA WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE INITIAL TEST. NO MATTER WHAT THE RESULT!**
 5. **ALL BACKFLOW TEST REPORTS MUST BE LEGIBLE AND CONTAIN ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE TEST!**
 6. All backflow assemblies must be installed in accordance with the District's specification.
 7. Pressure vacuum breakers will not be used for meter protection. Existing devices may remain in place only as long as they can be repaired using factory parts. (Replace PVBs with RPPs)
 8. Only devices approved by the State of California Office of Drinking Water and the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the University of Southern California will be accepted. (List available at Mesa)

9. Testers will be randomly "spot-checked" by certified Mesa employees.
Testers will be mailed test results.
10. Please return Backflow Test Reports to:

Mesa Consolidated Water District
Attn: Cross Connection Control
1965 Placentia Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Any Tester failing to comply with the provisions of this Code of Conduct is subject to loss of testing privileges within the Mesa Consolidated Water District service area. Penalties for violations; first offense, written warning with copy to Orange County Health Department, second offense, suspension of testing privileges within Mesa's boundaries.

If you have any questions, please call Mesa at (949) 631-1291.