



PRESS RELEASE

The City of Lake City, in accordance with Florida statutes, the Department of Environmental Protection (rule 62-555.360), the City of Lake City Municipal Code (Chapter 102, Article I, Sections 5-13), and various plumbing codes, has expanded the backflow prevention program to ensure compliance by all commercial and residential customers.

The City of Lake City has entered into a contract with a professional service firm, HydroCorp, to manage the backflow prevention program, inspection and testing, as related to all existing backflow prevention assemblies (BPA's). This includes all commercial sites and private residences with irrigation systems and/or pools, connected to the City of Lake City water distribution system.

Effective July 1, 2016 all BPA's connected to the City of Lake City water distribution system will be tested by a participating HydroCorp Contractor. There is no charge to the customer and no adjustments to the existing water rate to compensate for this service. If your BPA fails, a letter will be provided to you by HydroCorp indicating the failed test. This letter will identify the problem with the BPA and why the device failed. The letter will also provide you with a list of City approved contractors who can provide you with a quote to repair the BPA and retest at the owners expense.

All commercial properties that are connected to the City of Lake City water distribution system are required to have a testable BPA located immediately after the water meter. The City of Lake City and HydroCorp are aware of properties requiring the installation of BPA's and will send a notice to these commercial properties informing them of the specific requirement.

Any plumbing contractors who desire to participate in the City's Backflow Program must register with HydroCorp, Inc. The City of Lake City will provide HydroCorp with a list of City of Lake City licensed plumbing contractors. For registration and general information contact Amy LaBute, 800-315-3713.