# LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Cross-Connection Control Program



## TESTER CODE OF CONDUCT

#### **Backflow Test Submittals - 2025 Requirement**

Effective July 1, 2025, all certified backflow testers working within the La Puente Valley County Water District (District) service area must sign and submit the District's *Tester Code of Conduct* form as part of the District's updated Cross-Connection Control Program established on July 1, 2025. The District is implementing measures to ensure all testers agree and adhere to the guidelines outlined in the State Water Resources Control Board's Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH) and comply with all District requirements.

Testers working within the District's service area must sign and return this *Tester Code of Conduct* form along with the backflow test(s) via e-mail to backflow@lapuentewater.com. <u>Backflow test results will not be considered valid unless the tester has submitted a completed form and recieved District approval for this year and annually thereafter.</u>

## **Approved Tester List - Effecive January 1, 2026**

Beginning January 1, 2026, La Puente Valley County Water District (District) will maintain a list of certified backflow testers, pre-approved by the District the year prior, to conduct backflow assembly testing within the District's service area. This list will be reviewed and revised annually, or more frequently if necessary, and will be provided to customers alongside their annual testing notices.

## **Compliance and Enforcement**

The District's Cross Connection Control Coordinator may suspend or revoke approval of any individual backflow tester and/or company from the list of approved testers if the individual or company fails or refuses to comply with the District's Cross-Connection Control Program, State Policies and Regulations, engages in dishonest business practices, fails to maintain a valid backflow tester certification, and/or installs, repairs or tests backflow assemblies in a negligent manner. Failure to abide by any of these requirements may be grounds for exclusion from the approved testers list.

#### **DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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Shut off/restore water service during testing or repairs/replacement

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District's Cross-Connection Control Program Questions

#### **SUBMISSION**

626-890-0022

The *Tester Code of Conduct* form will be submitted along with the backflow tests completed by the tester. All documents will be submitted via e-mail to backflow@lapuentewater.com.

The Tester Code of Conduct form must be submitted at least once each calendar year. Backflow testing forms will not be accepted by the District until the Tester Code of Conduct form has been received from that tester for the calendar year.

## **TESTER CODE OF CONDUCT**

La Puente Valley County Water District's (District) Code of Conduct requires backflow assembly testers to act honestly, competently, and with integrity and to use their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of public health and the protection of the public water system. The District requires that the following Code of Conduct is followed by all backflow prevention assembly testers approved to conduct tests with the District's jurisdiction:

- 1. Testers must notify the Distrist as soon as possible, within 24 hours if a backflow incident or an unprotected cross-connection is observed during field testing.
- 2. Maintain valid certification from a certifying organization pursuant to Article 4 of the CCCPH
- 3. Testers are strictly prohibited from knowingly falsifying field results
- 4. Testers must not remove or relocate a backflow assembly without obtaining explicit approval from the District
- 5. Passing backflow test reports must be submitted via e-mail within 5 calendar days.
  - a. Failing test results must be submitted within 24 hours of the test date.
- 6. Any assembly that fails routine testing shall be repaired within 30 days of the initial test date.
  - a. Only Original Equipment Manufacturer parts shall be used to repair devices
  - b. If the failing device is anything other than a RP device, it must be replaced with an RP
    - i.DC's can continue to be used in fire protection if no chemicals are present
- 7. Any backflow prevention device or assembly installed shall be manufactured in full conformance with the standards established by at least one of the following:
  - a. Standards found in Chapter 10 of the Manual of Cross-Connection Control, Tenth Edition, published by the University of Southern California Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research
  - b. Certification requirements for BPAs in the Standards of ASSE International
- 8. Testers are responsible for informing the District of any changes in their contact information, including address, emails or phone numbers.
- 9. Not misuse the certificate, logo, and marks of the District.
- 10. Uphold and follow all policies and procedures required by the District to remain in good standing.
- 11. Not participate in any interest, activity, or influence purely for personal gain and not in the interest of public health and environmental safety.

By signing this document, I hereby certify that I have thoroughly read and understand this agreement to fully conform to the provisions of this agreement:

Tester Name	Certification #	
Certifying Agency	Latest Calibration Date of Equipment	
Tester Signature	Date	
Company Name		
Company Address		
E-mail		
Phone Number		