



## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Backflow Prevention & Cross-Connection Control Program for Sprinkler Systems

Hot Springs Village POA is required by Arkansas State Law to oversee backflow prevention to protect the public water supply from possible contamination. Reminders will be sent to property owners via the POA's weekly Digest and POA utility bills.

Sprinkler systems connected to the POA water system must employ a backflow preventer (RPZ) that is certified annually by a licensed PRZ tester per Arkansas Department of Health. See list of RPZ testers at [HTTPS://WWW.HEALTHY.ARKANSAS.GOV/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/TOPICS/DRINKING-WATER-CROSS-CONNECTION-AND-BACKFLOW-PREVENTION-RESOURCES](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/drinking-water-cross-connection-and-backflow-prevention-resources). Proof of certification must be provided to the POA by June 30, 2023, to avoid disconnection of the sprinkler system from the water system. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Residents can prevent backflow by following these examples:

- Never submerge hoses in buckets, pools, spas, tubs, or sinks
- Keep the end of hoses away from possible contaminants
- Do not use any spray or cleaning attachments on your hoses without a backflow preventer on lawn irrigation systems
- Notify the POA when a new backflow preventer is installed for lawn irrigation systems.

If you have any questions about the POA Cross – Connections Program, please call the Public Services Department at 501-922-5524 or 501-922-5528.

