



## Certified Backflow Assembly Tester Code of Conduct

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EWEB recognizes that the water supplier has the responsibility of protecting the public water systems from pollution and contamination. Thus, in the exercise of this responsibility, EWEB must take all reasonable precautions to protect the public water supply from the hazards originating on the premises of its customers that may degrade the public water supply. To ensure protection of the public water supply, certified backflow assembly testers who perform testing within Eugene are held responsible and accountable to operate according to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) and EWEB's Cross Connection Control (CCC) Program Standards. The following outlines the Code of Conduct all certified backflow assembly testers shall adhere to:

- Testers performing tests in Eugene shall have a current Backflow Assembly Tester Certification issued by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).
- Proper test procedures as established by an OHA-approved Backflow Assembly Tester course shall be followed at all times.
- All testers should be familiar with and practice all City, State and Federal (OSHA) codes and requirements.
- Testers shall not knowingly falsify a test report, allow any other person to use their certification number, or perform other acts deemed unethical by the local authority (i.e., knowingly testing a customer's assembly twice in one year).
- Test reports shall be submitted to EWEB Backflow within 10 (ten) days of the initial test. If there is a specific issue relating to the test, the tester shall contact EWEB Backflow in a timely manner.
- Test reports shall be submitted in a manner or form acceptable to EWEB Backflow. If a written form is used, it shall be legible and contain all appropriate information pertaining to the test. Prior to a test, testers are required to check assembly status in EWEB's online backflow database and assign available existing assembly test. Test results for the assemblies existing in EWEB's database shall be submitted to EWEB's online database. Tester shall provide a copy of the test report to EWEB for any new, replaced or relocated assembly via email or fax.
- If an assembly fails to pass a test, the tester shall put notes in comment field to record what was done to achieve a passing test result (i.e. repairs made, parts installed).
- If the test report is for a replacement assembly, the tester shall list the serial number of the old assembly that it is replacing (if not known state "unknown").
- All fire line detector meter valves shall be left open after the backflow assembly has been tested. The bypass meter on a fire line is required to be operational in order to record low amounts of usage for leak detection purposes.
- Testers shall make sure all assemblies installed below grade shall have non-ferrous threaded plugs inserted in the test ports.
- It is the responsibility of the tester to inform EWEB of any changes in their address, email, phone numbers, license, testing gauge, etc.

Testers who fail to comply with the provisions of this Code of Conduct can be subject to the loss of testing privileges in EWEB's jurisdiction. If you have questions or additional information is needed please contact EWEB Backflow at 541-984-4747 or [backflow@eweb.org](mailto:backflow@eweb.org).