



TESTER CODE OF CONDUCT

Backflow Test Submittals - 2025 Requirement

Effective July 1, 2025, all certified backflow testers working within the Industry Public Utilities (IPU) service area must sign and submit IPU's *Tester Code of Conduct* form as part of IPU's updated Cross-Connection Control Program established on July 1, 2025. IPU 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 IPU requirements.

Testers working within IPU'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. *Backflow test results will not be considered valid unless the tester has submitted a completed form and received IPU approval for this year and annually thereafter.*

Approved Tester List - Effective January 1, 2026

Beginning January 1, 2026, IPU will maintain a list of certified backflow testers, pre-approved by IPU the year prior, to conduct backflow assembly testing within IPU'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

IPU'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 IPU'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.

PROGRAM 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

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 IPU until the *Tester Code of Conduct* form has been received from that tester for the calendar year.

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Industry Public Utility's (IPU) 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. IPU requires that the following Code of Conduct is followed by all backflow prevention assembly testers approved to conduct tests with IPU's jurisdiction:

1. Testers must notify IPU 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 IPU.
5. Passing backflow test reports must be submitted via email 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 a 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 IPU of any changes in their contact information, including address, emails or phone numbers.
9. Not misuse the certificate, logo, and marks of IPU.
10. Uphold and follow all policies and procedures required by IPU 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 tat I have thoroughly read and understand this agreement to fuly conform to the provisions of this agreement:

Tester Name	<input type="text"/>	Certification #	<input type="text"/>
Tester Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Company Name	<input type="text"/>		
Company Address	<input type="text"/>		
E-mail	<input type="text"/>		
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>		