

TESTER CODE OF CONDUCT

Industry Public Utilities (IPU) will maintain a list of certified backflow testers, pre-approved by IPU the year prior, to conduct backflow assembly testing within the IPU 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. Customers may select backflow testers from this list.

Backflow testers may be added to this list at any time by signing and submitting the Tester Code of Conduct Form; however, the online Approved List of Backflow Testers Document will only be updated at the beginning of each calendar year.

Testers working within the IPU service area must sign and submit this *Tester Code of Conduct* form before backflow test reports will be accepted. *Backflow test results will not be considered valid unless the tester has submitted a completed form and received District confirmation that they have been added to the list of approved backflow testers.*

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

The IPU 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 IPU 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.

SUBMISSION

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.

Backflow test forms will not be considered valid unless the tester has submitted a completed form and received confirmation that they have been added to the list of approved backflow testers.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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

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Cross-Connection Control Program Questions

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Industry Public Utilities' (IPU's) 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 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 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 that I have thoroughly read and understand this agreement to fully conform to the provisions of this agreement:

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Certification No. AWWA	<input type="text"/>	Exp. Date	<input type="text"/>
Certification No. LA County	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Tester Signature	<input type="text"/>	Latest Calibration Date of Equipment	<input type="text"/>