

Dear Water Customer:

In February, Warrior River Water Authority updated its Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Control Program policy to allow for more efficient and effective compliance with the following rules and regulations that govern drinking water distribution systems across the U.S.

- The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (and Amendments)- Public Law 93-523.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Cross Connection Control Manual, 2003.
- The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Division 7, Water Supply Program, Code R. 335-7-9- Cross Connection Control Requirements, Effective: April 2022.
- Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, Section 22-23-33, 22-23-49, 22-22A-5, and 22-22A-6.

The updated policy is designed to allow for a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities for compliance.

Warrior River Water Authority has teamed up with Aqua Backflow, who specializes in the implementation and management of backflow testing throughout the country. Aqua Backflow has a robust database of licensed and certified backflow testing providers as well as forms for the testing provider to use for assessing backflow conditions. All testing shall be submitted to Aqua Backflow through their website at <https://www.aquabackflow.com/trackmybackflow>.

A letter will be sent (typically 30-60 days) before backflow test due date each year to notify customers of their responsibilities for testing and reporting of their backflow test results. Results shall be submitted annually by the certified tester via current submittal methods before test due date. Any test results not submitted on or before test due date are considered late and will be subject to a \$30.00 fee per assembly. A second letter will be sent to customers who are out of compliance with the original test due deadline, and 30 days will be given to come into compliance or a second \$30.00 fee per assembly will be assessed. In addition to the second \$30.00 fee, any customer who is not in compliance by the second deadline will be subject to disconnection. When the backflow prevention assembly is tested and brought into compliance, a \$100.00 fee (\$50.00 Out of Compliance fee and \$50.00 Reconnection fee) would have to be paid before service was restored.

WRWA's Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with this program, its enforcement, and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or Utility staff.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or in accessing [trackmybackflow.com](https://www.aquabackflow.com)(s) website please contact:

Warrior River Water Authority at (205)491-7721 or

Aqua Backflow at info@AquaBackflow.com or call 847-742-2296