



Code of Conduct for Backflow Prevention Device Testers Certified in Orange County

The Orange County Cross Connection Control Group (OCCCCG) exists to provide all of its members with a professional atmosphere in which to discuss existing procedures and to become familiar with new developments in the field of cross connection control and to encourage improved quality of service, professionalism, and programs. To this end, we, the members of the OCCCCG require the following Code of Conduct for backflow device testers certified in Orange County:

1. A tester must have a current tester certification from Orange County Environmental Health (County Health Department) to test backflow prevention devices in Orange County.
2. A tester must not knowingly falsify the results of backflow device field tests performed by him.

EXAMPLES:

- Signing backflow test reports for tests he did not perform.
 - Making unneeded repairs.
 - Not having proper backflow certification to perform tests in Orange County.
 - Not using proper test procedures as established by Orange County Environmental Health.
 - Using unauthorized backflow test equipment.
3. A tester must not remove, replace, or relocate a backflow device without the approval of the water purveyor or the Orange County Health Department
 4. All backflow device test reports must be submitted to the water purveyor and the County Health Department within 10 working days of the initial test, no matter what the result. If there is a specific problem relating to the test or the test report form, the tester must call the water agency or the County Health Department.
 5. All backflow reports must be submitted on proper forms. They must be legible and contain all appropriate information pertaining to the test.
 6. A tester must attend a backflow prevention device tester update seminar at least once every two years. The seminar must review current test procedures and be approved by Orange County Environmental Health.
 7. It is the tester's responsibility to inform Environmental Health of any changes in their address, phone numbers, etc. To report changes, contact Sham Elmishad at (714) 433-6284 or email changes to HElmishad@ochca.com and Erasmo Jacinto at (714) 433-6288 or email changes to EJacinto@ochca.com.

Any tester failing to comply with the provisions of this Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary action. The results of the action can be the loss of testing privileges in the county or in a water purveyor's jurisdiction. Also, it is a misdemeanor violation to knowingly file a false test report.

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