



The Code of Conduct for HCA Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers

The OC Health Care Agency (HCA) requires that the following Code of Conduct is followed by all backflow prevention assembly testers registered to conduct tests in Orange County:

1. Testers must possess a current tester registration number issued by HCA- Environmental Health to perform tests on backflow prevention assemblies within Orange County.
2. Testers are strictly prohibited from knowingly falsifying field results of backflow prevention assemblies. Examples of such misconduct include:
 - Signing off on backflow test reports for tests they did not conduct.
 - Undertaking unnecessary repairs.
 - Lacking proper backflow registration required for testing in Orange County.
 - Failing to adhere to the established test procedures outlined by Orange County Environmental Health.
 - Using unauthorized equipment for backflow testing.
3. Testers must not remove, replace, or relocate a backflow assembly without obtaining explicit approval from the respective water purveyor or HCA.
4. Within 10 working days of the initial test, irrespective of the test outcome, all backflow assembly test reports must be promptly submitted to both the water purveyor and HCA. In case of any specific issues related to the test or the test report form, the tester is required to contact either the water agency or HCA.
5. All backflow reports must be submitted using the designated forms. These reports should be clear, legible, and contain all relevant information pertaining to the conducted test(s).
6. Testers must adhere strictly to their registration period and must not conduct any test beyond the expiration date of their registration. Performing tests outside the valid registration period is strictly prohibited.
7. Testers bear the responsibility of promptly informing HCA about any changes in their contact information, including address, emails or phone numbers. To report changes, please contact (714) 433-6000 or email OCBackFlowTests@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 Orange County or in a water purveyor's jurisdiction. Also, it can be a misdemeanor violation to knowingly file a false test report.

This comprehensive Code of Conduct aims to uphold professional standards and compliance among backflow prevention assembly testers operating within Orange County and was created in conjunction with the Orange County Cross Connection Control Group.

Tester Name: _____

Date: _____

Tester Signature: _____

Registration Number: _____