

BACKFLOW TESTING POLICY - 4/23/25

Annual Backflow prevention and assembly testing: Positive Backflow test results from all members are due annually by August 15. Members are responsible for scheduling tests for each backflow device on their property and reporting the results by August 15 to our water system manager Phillip Merrill. Test results are to be emailed to:

backflowmerrillwater@gmail.com.

The Oregon Health Authority requires approved backflow protection devices for any water service member whose system includes water features such as private wells, in-ground irrigation/sprinklers, in-home fire suppression systems, swimming pools, hot tubs, fountains, or ponds. The entire PMWC Backflow Policy and Procedure document is posted on the Pete's Mountain Water Company website: <https://www.petesmountainwatercompany.com/>

PMWC is required by the Oregon Health Authority to compile and report backflow device tests each year. Therefore, penalty fees will be imposed on members who do not submit their backflow device test results within the stated deadline.

After August 15th, if you are delinquent, you will receive **a 60-day shutoff notice** through your billing e-mail account. Additionally, a \$100 late fee will be assessed for every month the report is late, and this fee will be added to your water bill until you can provide PMWC with documentation that the backflow test has been completed, and the device has passed inspection. If there are more than one backflow devices on your property, you must submit documentation that they have all passed inspection. If you are unsure of how many backflow devices you have that need testing, please contact Chris Bang (chrisb@taboraccountinggroup.com) at our accounting offices, or Phillip Merrill (merrillwater@gmail.com), our water manager.

Please note, The Board does not complete backflow testing for its members and cannot provide recommendations for backflow testing service providers. Members are encouraged to make their appointments with backflow testing companies early, as lengthy service backlogs are common.