



Current Events

April 2022

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Office closure for April

WaterPro's office will be closed on the following date and time in April:

- From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 28 for a company meeting.

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Pressure Irrigation and Backflow: What Is Required?

The Utah plumbing code has been amended to require a physical disconnect on dual irrigation systems – those that can use either secondary (for our customers, Pressure Irrigation or PI) water or culinary (drinking) water. This change brings the plumbing code into line with best practices currently in use throughout the Salt Lake valley.

What does that mean for your irrigation system? Let's take a look at different systems and you can see which one applies to you.

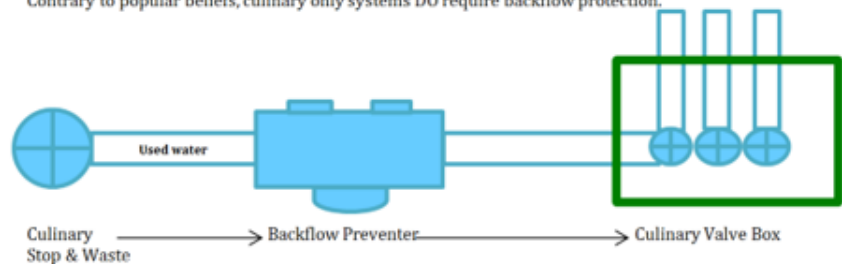
#1: Customer is not connected to secondary (PI) system

This customer must use the culinary water if they want to irrigate their lawn and/or garden. The customer would need to install a backflow prevention device as illustrated to prevent contaminated water from flowing back from the irrigation system and into the drinking supply.

Culinary Only Irrigation System

A CULINARY ONLY SYSTEM

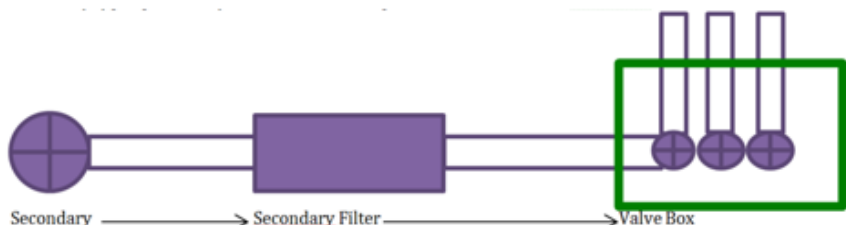
Contrary to popular beliefs, culinary only systems DO require backflow protection.



#2: Customer's property has both culinary and PI service, but their landscape irrigation is connected ONLY to the PI service

If there is NO connection between the culinary and PI system, the PI system does not require a backflow prevention device, as illustrated.

Secondary Only Irrigation System



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Fluoride Vote Results

As you may be aware, all votes for the continuation or removal of water fluoridation were required to be submitted by March 16th. Here are the results:

- 57% voted to keep adding fluoride
- 47% voted against adding fluoride

Thank you to all who took and interest in this topic. As a result of this vote, WaterPro will continue adding fluoride to drinking water in accordance with the Salt Lake County Health Department.

Employee Spotlight

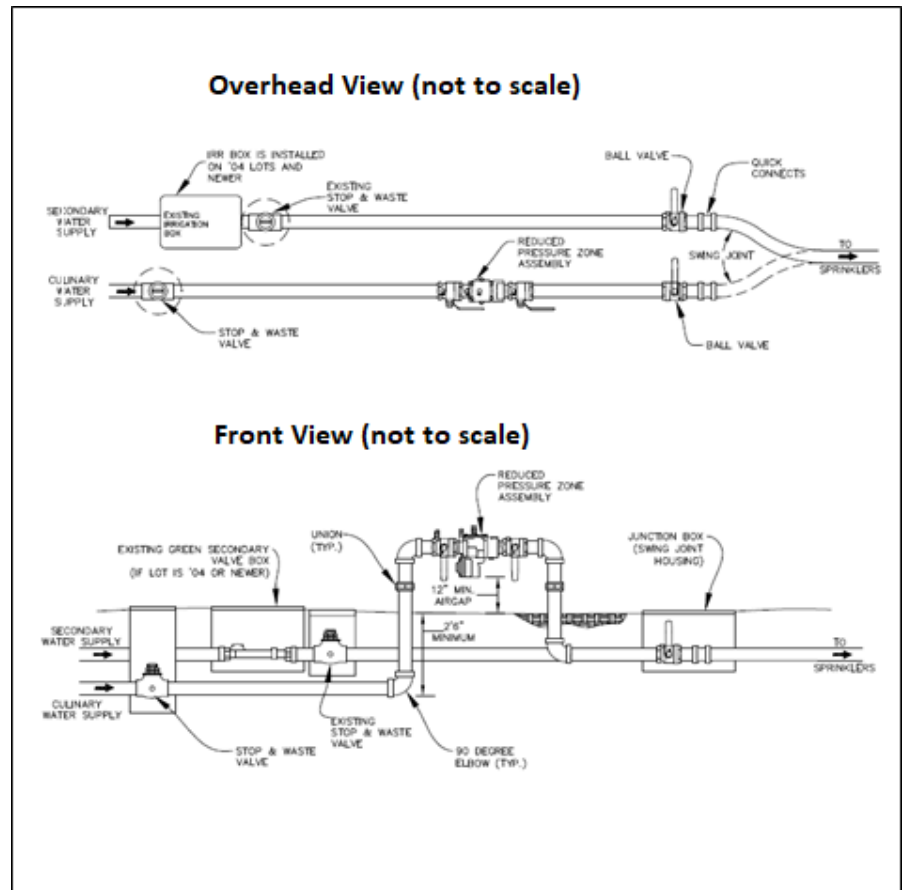
Please welcome Andy Cox, who joined our team as a Blue Stake Locating Specialist last August.



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#3: Customer is connected to both culinary and PI systems and has a dual system that can use either type of water for irrigation

Two components are required on all dual systems to protect the drinking water from backflow: 1) A Reduced Pressure Zone with a minimum of 12" clearance between the bottom of the unit and the finished grade, and 2) a swing connection (i.e., two units, one PI and one culinary, and one outlet to sprinklers, all housed in the same box). No other type of backflow preventer is acceptable for this application.



Prepare for PI Season

Please make sure your stop and waste is turned off before we begin pressuring up our PI system. Normally this can begin as early as April 1 in preparation for the normal PI season that begins on April 15.

Due to the ongoing severe drought, water suppliers are being urged by the state to shorten the irrigation season. We are currently evaluating the situation and may delay the start of our irrigation season. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.