

Rule No. 16
SERVICE CONNECTIONS, METERS, AND CUSTOMER'S FACILITIES
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C. 3. manner approved by the utility and the public health agency having jurisdiction. Backflow preventers shall be installed as close as practical to the customer's connection to the utility and in a location which is readily available for periodic inspection.

Backflow preventers shall be tested, repaired, or replaced at the expense of the customer.

4. Periodic Testing of Backflow Preventers

Whenever a backflow preventer is installed, relocated, or repaired the customer shall have its tested by persons who have demonstrated their competency in testing of these preventers to the utility or health agency. Backflow preventers shall be tested at least annually or more frequently if determined to be necessary by the health agency or utility. The utility shall notify the customer when testing of backflow preventers is needed. The notice shall give the date when the test must be completed. Reports of testing and maintenance shall be maintained by the utility for a minimum of three years.

5. Refusal to Serve or Discontinuance of Service

The utility may refuse or discontinue service:

- a. Until there has been installed on the customer's piping an approved backflow preventer of the required type, if one is required.
- b. Where the utility has been denied access to the customer's premises to make an evaluation.
- c. Where the customer refuses to test a backflow preventer, or to repair or replace a faulty backflow preventer.
- d. Where there is a direct or indirect connection between the public water system and sewer line.
- e. Where there is an unprotected direct or indirect connection between the public water system and a system or equipment containing contaminants.

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