

Tips to Take Home

Remember, the only one who can prevent cross connection from occurring where you live is *you*. By following the Do's and Don'ts of cross connection prevention, you will be eliminating the chances of contaminating your family's drinking water.

For more information on Cross Connection Control, you can visit:

www.epa.gov

www.dnr.wi.gov



WI Department of Safety and Professional Services (formerly DOC)
www.dsps.wi.gov



WI Department of Natural Resources
www.dnr.wi.gov

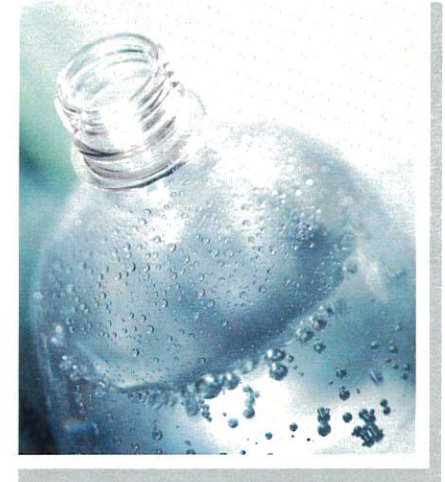


Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
www.epa.gov



Cross-Connection Control / Backflow Prevention
www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc.html

Cross Connection Control Program



Residential User Brochure



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What is a Cross Connection?

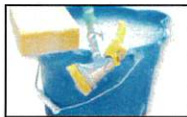


Cross connection occurs when a pipe designed to carry safe (potable) drinking water is connected at some point to a pipe containing unsafe (non-potable) water or other liquid material.

The non-potable water or liquid has the potential to siphon, or backflow into the potable system, causing a threat for contamination.

A cross connection situation can happen in most any residential setting. It can be caused by the following typical instances:

• Having a hose that is submerged in a pool.

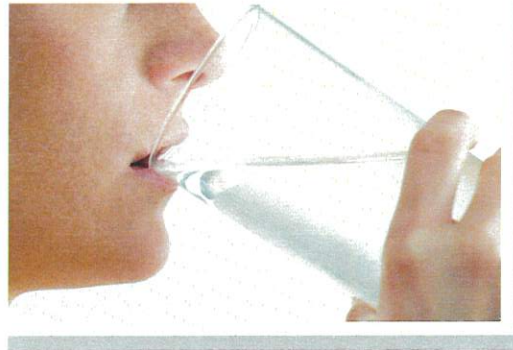


• A carwash bucket, bathtub or laundry sink with a hose submerged or near the drain.

• A pesticide sprayer connected to a garden hose.



Minimizing the threat of a cross connection can help protect you & your family from a potential contamination.



Cross Connection Control is the Answer

To help prevent cross connections, Federal and State Laws require all water utilities to establish and implement cross connection control programs. These cross connection control programs were developed by the government to ensure clean and safe drinking water for people.

Local ordinances have been adopted giving the Utility the authority to inspect all water customers and advise corrective actions for any cross connections found.

The Fall River Water Utility will inspect when water meter service is required or by appointment. Commercial / industrial sites will be surveyed by General Engineering Company as a special consultant to the Village Water Utility.

How to Prevent Contamination of Your Drinking Water

You can prevent contamination of your drinking water by following these easy steps:

DON'T:

- ⊗ Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks, or ponds.
- ⊗ Use spray attachments on garden hoses without a backflow prevention device on the hose.
- ⊗ Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems to the sewer or submerged (physical pipe connection) drain pipe.
- ⊗ Use a hose to unplug blocked toilets or sewers.

DO:

- > Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- > If not already equipped with an integral (built-in) vacuum breaker, buy and install hose bibb type vacuum breakers on all threaded faucets around your home.
- > Install an approved backflow prevention assembly on all underground irrigation systems. Remember, a plumbing permit is required for the connection of an underground lawn irrigation plumbing system.

