

1.2.22 Cross-Connection Control (BP)

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC) that property owners install cross-connection control devices to prevent possible contamination of the community's water supply. Cross-connection control devices shall be installed at the following locations:

- Properties with dedicated fire line services
- Properties where substances harmful to health are handled under pressure and in a manner which could allow their entry into the community's water supply (medical offices, dental offices, mortuaries, car washes, dry cleaners, restaurants, etc.)
- Commercial Properties with irrigation systems, swimming pools, or spas
- Properties with auxiliary water supplies (wells or other unapproved sources)
- Properties with private water booster pumps

Cross-connection devices shall be installed as close as practical to the point of connection with the AMWC water supply and in a manner that is readily accessible for testing and maintenance.

Property owners of properties that meet the criteria above but did not install a cross-connection device with the original construction shall install an approved cross-connection device upon discovery by AMWC.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrative cost of the program and the first notice to the customer will be paid for from AMWC's general funds.

All costs of enforcement (Compliance Charges), beginning with the second notice, shall be charged to a customer's account. Direct cost, including County's charges, will have a 20% administrative cost added.

In the event that a customer does not pay the Compliance Charges, the customer shall be subject to the same collection policy as any other account, including shut-off of the dedicated fire line and/or domestic water service to the property. In the event that a customer does not comply with the cross connection program, the customer may have water service shut-off to protect the health and welfare of other customers. Appropriate notice shall be given to all customers of possible charges and shut-offs.

PURPOSE

The California "Regulations Relating to Cross-Connections" (Title 17, sections 7583 - 7605, California Code of Regulations) requires installation of a cross-connection device for a connection between a potable water system and any source or system containing unapproved water or a substance that is not or cannot be approved as safe, wholesome, and potable. The regulations require AMWC to protect the community's water supply from contamination by implementation of a cross-connection control program.