

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

All water provided is drinkable until we use it for something else. We all share the duty of protecting the public drinking water system. Listed below are some of those responsibilities.



## **Backflow Prevention Responsibilities**

### **Department of Health:**

- 💧 Protect Public Health by developing rules and regulations and require the water system/purveyors to track and maintain compliance.

### **Water System (Purveyor):**

- 💧 The water purveyor's responsibility for cross-connection control begins at the water supply source and includes all public water treatment, storage, and distribution facilities, and ends at the water meter.
- 💧 The purveyor tracks, analyzes, and inspects to identify and eliminate unprotected cross connections to prevent contamination of the drinking water supply.

### **Backflow Assembly Tester (BAT):**

- 💧 A BAT performs inspection, field tests, maintenance, and repair of backflow prevention assemblies, backflow devices, and air gaps that protect the public water system and reports results to the water purveyor.
- 💧 A BAT must be equipped with and capable of using a field test kit, tools and other equipment needed to inspect and field test. This includes calibrated test equipment and a valid tester certification.
- 💧 Determine if the backflow prevention assembly is properly installed and report it to the water purveyor and owner.

### **End User / Water Customer's:**

- 💧 Follow the applicable building, fire and plumbing codes including annual testing requirements.
- 💧 Maintain access & clearance to all assemblies.
- 💧 Test on an annual basis and ensure the backflow assembly is repaired immediately after failure. State law requires all backflow prevention assemblies to be operational at all times and protecting against backflow.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.kirklandwa.gov/backflow-prevention](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/backflow-prevention), or contact the City of Kirkland's Cross Connection Control Office at 425-587-3913.