

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



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Cross-Connection Control Programs

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Env-Ws 364, requires that public water utilities take appropriate actions to prevent the reverse flow of water previously delivered to customers. Each public water system serving 1,000 or more persons must have an approved, written Cross-Connection Control Program.

Such a program can have many elements. An example of a model Cross-Connection Control Program that satisfies the minimum established criteria is available on the DES website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/documents/model-cross-connection.doc>.

A common component of such a program is the installation of plumbing devices to prevent such backflow. New Hampshire cross-references the list of “approved backflow prevention assemblies” for “testable” devices as published by the *Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research*, University of Southern California. For backflow prevention devices such as residential dual check valves or other “non testable” devices, DES requires that the device meet or exceed ANSI/ASSE standard 1024 “Dual Check Valve Type Backflow Preventers.” The International Plumbing Code should be consulted for further information.

Approved backflow devices listed below shall be used for the containment of on-premise hazards for low and high degree of hazard situations respectively:

Low Degree of Hazard	High Degree of Hazard
Air gap	Air gap
Pressure vacuum breaker	Reduced pressure backflow device
Double check valve assembly	A combination of the above
Reduced pressure backflow device	
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For Additional Information

Please contact the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at (603) 271-2513 or dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov or go to <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/index.htm>. All of the bureau’s fact sheets are online at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb/index.htm>.

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