

# CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL & BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS

Under the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act, the PA DEP requires customers to eliminate cross-connection and install backflow prevention devices. The Safe Drinking Water Act was established to protect the quality of drinking water in the U.S. This law focuses on all waters actually or potentially designed for drinking use, whether from above ground or underground sources.

The Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to establish minimum standards to protect drinking water connections and requires all owners and operators of public water systems to comply with these primary (health-related) standards.

This regulation applies to individual homes, businesses, commercial and industrial establishments. For properties registered as commercial or industrial spaces, a testable dual check valve is mandatory, and it is required to be tested annually.

The goal for Columbia Water Company, and our cross-connection control program, is to protect the public water supply from possible contamination, which could backflow or back-siphon into the public water system.

