

Ordinance No. 153
LAKE HEMET MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S
CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

SECTION I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public water supply system from contamination or pollution due to actual or potential backflow and/or cross-connections. This shall be accomplished by the establishment of a Cross-Connection Control Program as required by the California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 7583 – 7605, Public Law 93-0523 (The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974), and Public Law 99-339 (The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendment of 1986).

SECTION II – RESPONSIBILITY

The Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, hereafter referred to as the District, shall be responsible for implementing and enforcing the Backflow and Cross-Connection Prevention Program (Program). The program shall include:

- surveys of commercial and residential properties to determine where backflow and/or cross-connection related contamination or pollution could occur
- backflow prevention protection by the water user at the point of the user's connection to the public water system
- qualified District staff to carry out the cross-connection control program
- records of assembly location, testing and repair

The District shall be responsible for the protection of the public water system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow or backsiphonage of contaminants or pollutants through the water service connection. If in the judgment of the District, an approved backflow prevention assembly is required at the service connection to any water user's premises for the safety of the public water system, the District shall give notice in writing to the owner or water user to install such an approved backflow prevention assembly at each service connection to the water user's premises. An appropriate backflow prevention assembly shall be installed by and at the expense of the owner or water user at each user connection, where required, to prevent backflow from the owner or water user's premises to the public water system. It shall be the owner or water user's responsibility to comply with the District requirements. Failure, refusal, or inability on the part of the owner or water user to install such assembly shall constitute grounds for discontinuing of water service to the water user's premises until such assembly has been properly installed.