



Department of Health and Environmental Control

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NOTICE: BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING PROCEDURE CHANGE

Dear Backflow Prevention Device Owner/Tester:

The City of Vernon Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is providing this notification to inform you of upcoming changes for the annual field testing and maintenance of backflow prevention devices.

In an effort to streamline the field testing and reporting processes, the DHEC has secured software by Syncta to serve as a comprehensive backflow test reporting and submission tool for the City of Vernon. The DHEC has also consolidated the submission due date for annual field testing of backflow prevention devices to January 31st of each year.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2021, the following procedures will be implemented for field testing of backflow prevention devices in the City of Vernon:

- To fulfill the annual backflow prevention device testing requirement for calendar year 2021, all backflow prevention devices must be tested between January 1, 2021 and January 31, 2021 regardless of the last field test date.
 - Subsequent annual testing and report submittal must be completed between January 1st and January 31st of each year.
- Backflow prevention device field testing results must be submitted electronically through Syncta. Paper testing and maintenance reports will no longer be accepted by DHEC.
 - To set up your Syncta account please contact the DHEC Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (323) 826-1448.

There are currently no permit fees associated with the backflow prevention devices registered with the DHEC or the use of the Syncta software. It is anticipated that effective July 1, 2021, a per device permit fee may be assessed to offset the service fees of the program.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Department at (323) 826-1448.

Sincerely,

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