
PROTECT DRINKING WATER

PONDS AND FOUNTAINS

Common activities associated with outdoor water use can cause a hazard to your public drinking water. Events such as power outages and main breaks can create low pressure in the water system that can siphon water from private property back into the public water system.

PONDS AND FOUNTAINS THAT ARE PLUMBED IN require annual inspections. Ponds and fountains must be plumbed with an air gap or must have a Reduced Pressure Principle Assembly (RP) installed at the meter. All hose spigots **SHOULD** be protected by vacuum breakers. Hoses are not allowed to be left laying at or below the overflow rim of a pond or fountain.

PONDS AND FOUNTAINS THAT ARE NOT PLUMBED IN should have all hose spigots protected by vacuum breakers. Hoses are not allowed to be left laying at or below the overflow rim of a pond or fountain.

Vacuum breakers cost around \$7 and, when properly working, prevent water from being siphoned back into the water system. Vacuum breakers do not guarantee protection but are commonly used as an extra measure of protection. Vacuum breakers do not replace testable backflow assemblies and air gaps. If your vacuum breaker is leaking it is time to repair or replace it.



A hose is a direct connection to your drinking water. Never leave a hose laying in anything you wouldn't want to drink! Members who leave hoses submerged or do not protect hose spigots with vacuum breakers may be required to install a Reduced Pressure Backflow Assembly at the meter.

Surfside Homeowners Association
Cross-Connection Control Program



Properties with ponds and fountains should have vacuum breakers installed at all hose faucets and spigots.



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