
PROTECT DRINKING WATER YARD HYDRANTS AND WATER SAFETY

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.

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.

While it is common to leave hoses laying in soapy buckets, murky ponds, and mud puddles, please remember that 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 may be required to install a Reduced Pressure Valve Assembly at the meter. Members who do not protect yard hydrants with vacuum breakers may be required to install a Reduced Pressure Principle Assembly at the meter.**

**Surfside Homeowners Association
Cross-Connection Control Program**



Yard hydrants in Surfside should have vacuum breakers installed.



It is a good idea to install vacuum breakers on all hose faucets.

**FOR QUESTIONS
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