

WATER DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND UPDATES

VACUUM BREAKERS



Garden hoses are a common cause of cross connection (where drinking water has the potential to come in contact with contamination).

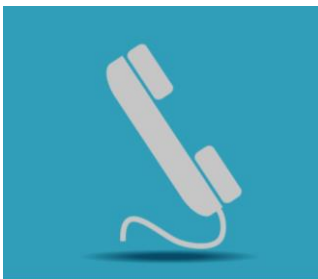
Contaminated water can flow back into the drinking water when there is a loss of pressure in the water system or when elevation or thermal expansion create excess pressure in the system.

Vacuum breakers for garden hose faucets cost around \$7 at a local hardware store and are designed to prevent contaminated water from flowing back into your drinking water.

Vacuum breakers are now part of the standard plumbing code, but older homes may not have them installed. All hose faucets should be protected with vacuum breakers and garden hoses should never be left submerged in buckets, ponds, or tubs.

If your vacuum breaker is leaking it is time to replace it.

DO WE KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOU?



The water department frequently needs to contact members regarding water leaks and cross connection questions. Sometimes we need to notify you of the water quality or a water outage.

The water department's non-emergency policy is to never turn a water service on or off to a home without notifying and/or getting permission from the owner.

If we need to notify you of a significant leak or a water outage, do we have contact information that will reach you right away?

Please call the business office to make sure your contact information is accurate, current, and we know the most reliable method to get ahold of you. (360) 665-4171
If a text message is the fastest way to reach you, let us know!

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