

# RUBY RANCH WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

P.O. Box 1585  
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May 29, 2015

Backflow Prevention Device Owner  
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Re: Ruby Ranch Water Supply Corporation (the "WSC")  
Black Flow Prevention Testing Required

Dear Mr. BFO;

Every home equipped with a water backflow preventer (such as a double check valve assembly or reduced pressure zone assembly) is required to have it inspected annually by a certified *backflow prevention assembly tester* ("BPAT" certified). This has been a long standing requirement by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") that should have been conveyed to you at the time the device was installed at your home, but perhaps it was not. However, at this time, the WSC needs to address this issue directly with TCEQ, and is requesting your assistance in doing so.

A backflow preventer is typically installed with in-ground irrigation systems or swimming pools. While a Double Check Valve Assembly may be below ground and out of sight, another type of backflow prevention is a Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly, which is installed above ground level. The particular type of backflow prevention you have installed at your home will vary, but both of these types need to be inspected to ensure they continue to work properly.

If your backflow device has not been tested within the past year, we ask that you please do so at this time. To find a person or company that is certified as a BPAT, we would encourage you to contact your plumber, or perform a search from the TCEQ homepage. For your use, we have attached a TCEQ listing of those that are currently qualified to test your unit in the Hays County area.

The WSC is required to obtain a copy of the certificate from every such homeowner to show that the backflow device has been inspected and that it is working properly. Therefore, please submit your certificate to our office as soon as possible, but no later than July 15, 2015.

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If we do not receive a copy of your certificate by the due date, the WSC will have this service performed on your behalf, and a charge for this service will appear on your water bill. The costs of having the WSC perform this service may be more or less costly than having it performed by a certified technician of your choice. Therefore we encourage you to seek out someone that is certified to perform this required inspection.

Please know that this requirement is mandated by the state and that the WSC is required to ensure these steps are followed. If I may be of further assistance, please contact my office by calling (512) 894-3322. The WSC appreciates your prompt attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. King, General Manager  
Ruby Ranch Water Supply Corporation

Enclosure / List of BPAT Certified Persons in Hays County