



2022 Annual Backflow Testing

It's that time again. The new year brings with it the annual requirement to have your backflow device tested. To ensure clean, safe, potable water, the District maintains a Cross Connection Program required by the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 333-061-0070). This program is designed to protect the water system from contamination.

Customers with inground irrigation, sprinkler systems, and/or certain water features such as fountains and pools are required by law to have their backflow tested annually by a state certified tester.

The District had 551 customers with backflow devices which were tested last year. Contact your tester or find a list of certified testers on our website at www.rivergrovewater.com under the section *Keeping up with the District* and schedule your annual test.

The average price will range between \$35-50. When hiring a tester, ask these three important questions:

- 1 – How much do you charge for the test?
- 2 – If my backflow fails, do you make the repair or do I hire another contractor?
- 3 – Do you send my test report to the District or is it my responsibility?

Annual **passing inspection reports** for 2022 are due to the District no later than **September 30, 2022**.

Community Participation - Budget Committee Volunteers Needed

The District is looking for volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Volunteers for this committee will serve a 3-year term from January 2022 through December 2025.

This committee meets once a year in April to review the annual budget prepared by the Budget Officer. Members are provided a copy of the drafted budget 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. They play a key role in maintaining the District's fiscal responsibility by reviewing and recommending approval of expenditures and resource allocation plans.

The Budget Meeting will be held at the District office (*it may be held virtually if COVID-19 protocols are still in place*) and takes approximately 60-90 minutes. Committee members, working alongside the Board of Commissioners, will review and recommend the budget to be adopted at a Public Hearing held on June 27, 2022.

Those interested in serving are invited to contact the District office at 503.635.6041 by **March 31st**.



What did the two raindrops say to the third raindrop...two's company but three's a cloud!

Award Winning Reservoir 3 Project

We are proud to announce the Reservoir 3 Landslide Remediation and Seismic Upgrade Project won a Honor Award in the 2022 ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards competition. Projects from all across the State were rated on innovative engineering design, future value to the engineering profession, and social and economic sustainable development considerations.

We are proud of the accomplishments of RH2 Engineering and GRI as they navigated many challenges during this project while successfully increasing our water system's reliability, resiliency, and flexibility. This \$2.3M project was funded under the Safe Drinking Water Loan Fund and was accomplished in three phases.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What actions do I take if my pipe(s) freeze?**
 If there is a complete lack of water coming out of your faucet, the water in your supply line has frozen solid. If there is a slight trickle of water, the culprit is likely a partial freeze.
 - If it is hot water, turn off the water to your water heater; cold water should still be available.
 - If it is cold water, turn off the main water shut-off valve. Water will not be available to your house.
 - If a pipe is frozen, assume the pipe is broken and will leak when thawed.
 - Call a plumber to make the necessary repairs.
 Remember, you can prevent frozen pipes by running a small stream of water during freezing weather and keeping cabinets open.