



PUBLIC NOTICE

Upcoming Hazard Assessment for Cross-Connection Control Program

To ensure the safety of Solvang's drinking water supply and comply with updated State regulations, the City of Solvang will be conducting a system-wide hazard assessment as part of its Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Program. This effort will help the City minimize potential pollution and/or contamination risks to its drinking water supply and meet requirements directed by the State Water Resources Control Board's Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH) and described in the City's approved Cross-Connection Control Plan.

Scan the QR code to view the Cross-Connection Control Plan:
[City of Solvang Cross-Connection Control Plan](#)



This assessment is designed to identify actual or potential cross-connections between potable water and non-potable sources (such as irrigation systems, pools, fire suppression systems, boilers, or auxiliary wells) that may pose a backflow risk to the public water supply.

When Will Assessments Occur?

Beginning in February of 2026, City staff will proceed to conduct on-site visits at residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural properties. During the on-site visits, City staff will assess each facility's water use (e.g., irrigation systems, pools, fire suppression systems, boiler, auxiliary wells/sources) to determine adequacy of existing and need for installation of backflow prevention assemblies (BPAs). On-site visits may involve a brief access to the property and will consist of (a) inspection (no testing) of existing BPAs to ensure proper installation, maintenance, and compliance with Uniform Plumbing Code and City standards and (b) inspection of water uses to determine requirements for BPA installations.

Online Self-Assessment Option and QR Code Provided

As an additional outreach tool, the City is providing an online self-assessment questionnaire to allow property owners and tenants to proactively report existing BPAs and cross-connection-related conditions at their property. This approach supplements the City's field efforts and may assist in scheduling or prioritizing site visits.

Access the Self-Assessment Form or scan the QR code:
[City of Solvang Cross-Connection Control Questionnaire](#)



Please note: Completion of the online form does not replace the need for City site visits, but it can help guide and streamline the process by providing valuable pre-screening information.

Why is This Required?

These activities are part of the City's compliance with state-mandated water safety programs. Protecting against backflow is essential for ensuring that drinking water remains clean and free from contaminants and/or pollutants. The State requires all public water systems to actively identify and mitigate cross-connection risks to protect public health.

Need to Coordinate a Site Visit or Have Questions?

If you have questions or would like to coordinate a preferred time for the site visit, please contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping the City protect the quality of our community's drinking water. This is another public project proudly led by your Solvang Utility Department - contributing to the long-term safety, reliability, and stewardship of our local water system.

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