

How is a Backflow Test Performed

First and foremost, a certified inspector is required to test backflow devices.

First, the number 2 shut off valve on the backflow is turned off. A test kit is placed on the device. The test kit uses the water left in the backflow.

Once the test is complete, the kit is removed, and the water is turned back on slowly, which prevents pressure surges from occurring.

Please note that the system in which the backflow is tied to is not drained prior to the test, so there is not a need for increased pressure to refill the lines.

These tests are designed in a way so that it does not damage the customer's property.

Below is an illustration of a standard reduced pressure backflow device.



If you have any further questions regarding backflow testing, feel free to call the District office at 615-628-0237.