



## Before you blow out your sprinkler system this fall,

remember that we are all relying on you to help keep our drinking water clean. Once water enters your irrigation system it can become contaminated with lawn chemicals and bacteria. If your sprinkler system doesn't have adequate backflow protection, blowing out the system may push this contaminated water back into your home's water supply.

All systems that contain pumps or injectors for lawn chemicals are considered a high risk and should be equipped with a Reduced Pressure Backflow Assembly (RPBA). If your system does not have pumps or injectors it is considered a moderate risk and requires a double check valve assembly (DCVA) or a pressure vacuum breaker assembly (PVBA). However if you plan to use an air compressor to blow out your irrigation system, a PVBA will not provide adequate protection.

For more information, and/or a list of certified backflow assembly testers, or to learn if your system has backflow protection, contact your water provider or visit these websites:

Spokane Regional Cross Connection  
Control Chapter of The American  
Backflow Prevention Association

[www.src4.org/](http://www.src4.org/)

Washington State Department of  
Health Office of Drinking Water

[www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/)

Spokane Aquifer Joint Board

[www.spokaneaquifer.org](http://www.spokaneaquifer.org)

