

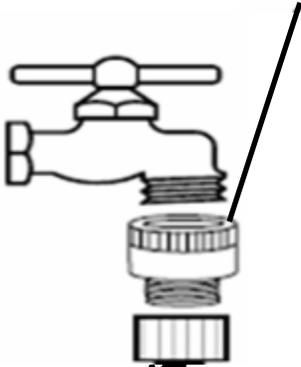


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KEEP YOUR GARDEN HOSE SAFE

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HOSE BIBB VACUUM BREAKER

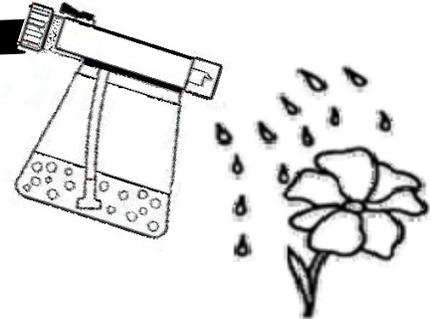


DO THIS

Always install a **hose bibb vacuum breaker** (HBVB) on the outside faucet. This inexpensive backflow prevention device (\$4-10) is available from your local hardware store. It makes sure that no harmful materials are drawn back into the drinking water system through your hose.

BEFORE YOU DO THAT

Every outdoor faucet should be protected with a **hose bibb vacuum breaker** to keep herbicides, pesticides, and even dirt out of the water system.



AND NEVER...

NEVER immerse a hose in a bucket, pond, pet water dish, or the fish tank. Bacteria and chemicals can be drawn into water meant for your family. If someone drinks or bathes in contaminated water, it can cause serious health problems or death.



WHY? ... Because a change in water pressure could pull water from your hose into your house and into the drinking water system. Water pressure changes occur on a regular basis - when hydrants are opened to fight fires and when water mains are being repaired.

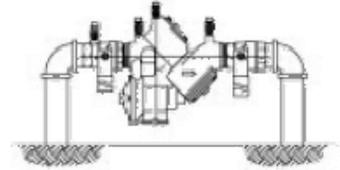
KEEP YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM AND POND SAFE

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DO THIS

You are required to install backflow preventer on irrigation systems that are connected to a city water supply.

In Davidson County, Metro Code No. 15.12.070.

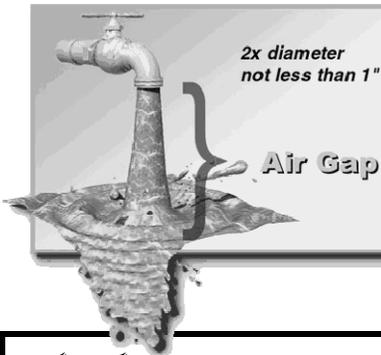


IF YOU HAVE THAT →

Because, if not properly constructed, your irrigation system may allow contaminants to backflow into your drinking water. A backflow preventer protects **your** household water system and the public water system from contamination or pollution that could potentially be caused by your irrigation system, pond, or other plumbed water feature.



AND WHEN YOU FILL THAT MAKE SURE YOU DO THIS →



If your pond, pool or hot tub is filled using a city water supply, you must comply with safe filling methods. **Always create an air gap between the end of the hose or faucet and the water surface of your pond or pool.** This can be accomplished by securing the hose or faucet on a surface high enough to prevent it from touching the water surface at any time.

Note: A more expensive alternative is to install a Reduced Pressure Assembly (RPA) type back flow prevention device and have it inspected yearly.

WHY?... Because a change in water pressure could pull water from your irrigation system or pond back through the pipes. This is called backflow and it can contaminate the water in your house and the water in the public water system. Water pressure changes occur on a regular basis - when hydrants are opened to fight fires and when water mains are being repaired, for example.

Questions about which backflow device to install? For more information, please call the Metro Water Services' Cross Connection Control Program 615/826-4600, option 1 then option 5.