

****** Backflow Installation Deadline Extended******
June 30, 2009

At their December 1, 2008 Regular Meeting, the Longboat Key Town Commission adopted Ordinance 2008-33, Amending the Cross-Connection Control Program. This Ordinance provides for an extension of the deadline for installation of a backflow prevention assembly on each water connection (including fire connections) by **JUNE 30, 2009**. Download an informational brochure on the program by clicking here www.longboatkey.org then Departments/Public Works/Cross-Connection Program / Backflow Information.

Please be advised that if the appropriate assembly is not installed by June 30, 2009, the following consequences can apply:

- In the event the Customer fails to comply with the installation within the time set forth in the notice, the Town shall impose a fine of \$50 per day for each day the work is not completed.
- If the work is not completed with 14 days of the date set forth in the notice, the Town may terminate the Customer's water service until corrective action is taken.

In order to avoid any penalties you will need to hire a licensed plumbing contractor or fire system contractor to install a backflow prevention assembly at your water service connection(s) by June 30, 2009. Licensed plumbing contractors can be found in the telephone book under Plumber, plumbing and backflow. We suggest obtaining multiple quotes, as prices can vary. Please note that a plumbing permit is required and is typically handled by your licensed plumber/contractor.

For properties that already have appropriate backflow assemblies. The Town has been conducting annual tests of existing backflow assemblies. The cost for this test is provided for through the water rates. The annual test ensures that the assembly is in proper working condition. No action is required of the property owner. However, if your assembly should ever fail an annual test you will receive a letter from the Town notifying you to take appropriate action. Similar penalties as presented above are levied for not taking actions to bring assemblies into proper working condition.

If you have questions about the Cross-Connection Program requirements or the backflow assembly they can contact the Public Works Department at (941) 316-1988 or the Planning Zoning & Building Department at (941) 361-6411 ext. 277.