

City of Albemarle

North Carolina

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This letter is to inform plumbing and irrigation contractors of the Cross Connection policy for the installation of irrigation systems on existing domestic water services. An irrigation system poses a threat to the public water supply. The City of Albemarle requires a reduced pressure backflow assembly to be installed on the customer's side of the water meter. The backflow assembly can be placed at or near the water meter above ground in a weatherproof enclosure before tapping an irrigation system off of the existing domestic water service.

The reduced pressure backflow assembly is required to be tested upon installation by a certified backflow prevention tester, following yearly tests after that. The certified tester you choose is responsible for submitting the test results to the City of Albemarle Cross Connection Coordinator. City of Albemarle is not responsible for the expense of testing or installing the backflow preventer.

When tapping an irrigation system onto an existing domestic water service, the contractor shall inform the customer that sewer will be charged according to the water usages that pass through the City of Albemarle water meter.

A list of approved installers/testers has been provided with this letter as a courtesy for your convenience. If you have any questions regarding the backflow testing or installation, please call me @704-984-9613.

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