June 1, 2021

Dear Lakewood Water Customer:

For the last 20 years, Lakewood Water District has been in the practice of working directly with local third-party backflow assembly testers to deliver testing notices direct to the third-party tester for customers who have provided a signed waiver to the District. Over this 20-year period, the number of backflow assemblies in our District has grown from several hundred to nearly five thousand assemblies.

With the increase in the number of assemblies, there has been a corresponding increase in the amount of time spent by District staff to ensure that each assembly is assigned to the correct tester, that a current waiver is on file, and to separate notices for each tester each month.

Beginning July 1, 2021, the Lakewood Water District will no longer accept waivers for any third-party backflow tester and will no longer send notices directly to the third-party backflow tester. Testing notices will be sent directly to each customer, and customers are still free to choose any tester with a current Backflow Assembly Tester certification. This change in practice will allow more time for our Cross Connection Control Department to focus on our core responsibility of protecting the water system from potential cross connection contamination and help keep our water rates low.

Customers who are signed up for the Lakewood Water District Backflow Testing Program will not be affected by this change in policy. The District will continue to send notices directly to our contracted tester. To find out more about Backflow, Cross Connection, or our Backflow Testing Program, please visit our website at https://www.lakewoodwater.org/ccc/page/cross-connection-control-and-backflow-prevention or call our office at 253.588.4423 and ask to speak with our Cross Connection Department.

Best regards,

Christian Fast
Cross Connection Control Department Supervisor

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