



Public Service Announcement

Backflow

What is backflow?

Backflow is the reversal of flow of water or other substances through a cross-connection into the public water system or consumer's potable water system. There are 2 types of backflow; Backpressure backflow and back-siphonage.

Backpressure backflow is caused when downstream pressure is greater than the upstream (or the supply pressure) in a public water system.

Back-siphonage is caused by a negative pressure, or vacuum, in a public water system and can occur when there is a stoppage of the water supply due to a nearby firefighting, or a break in a main water line.

