

# DUNCANVILLE

The Perfect Blend of Family, Community and Business



## WELCOME TO THE CITY OF DUNCANVILLE CITY OF CHAMPIONS

In January of 1996, the TCEQ adopted the Environmental Protection Agency's mandated cross connection rules. The State of Texas then required the Public Water Systems of municipalities to implement Cross Connection Programs. On September 21, 1999, the Cross Connection Requirement Ordinance was adopted which allowed Duncanville to better protect its drinking water supply against contamination.

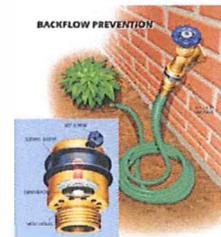
### UNDERGROUND LAWN SPRINKLERS

Here are some things you should know about protecting your water lines from contamination. Lawn sprinklers must be equipped with a minimum of a Double Check Valve Assembly. This is to prevent a reversal of flow that could cause water from the lawn sprinkler to contaminate the water in your home and the City water supply. These assemblies must be tested bi-annual to insure they are functioning properly. You will receive notice by mail when it is time for the backflow prevention device at your property is due for testing. For your convenience, a list of assembly testers will accompany this notice and is available upon request. If your sprinkler does not have the required assembly one must be installed and tested within 30 days.

### OUTSIDE FAUCETS OR SPIGOTS

The garden hose is the most common cross connection. Each of the following uses could create the situation for a cross connection:

- A: by placing the hose into a clogged gutter, downspout or sewer pipe in order to flush out a clog
- B: by connecting the hose directly to a fertilizer or pesticide sprayer for your yard
- C: connecting it to a soap and brush handle to clean your windows, siding, cars, and boats
- D: letting the end of the hose lie in a bucket, a puddle, or pool of water on the ground



All outside spigots or faucets should be equipped with a "Hose Bib Vacuum Breaker" sometimes referred to as "Hose Bib Backflow Preventer". These can be purchased at your local hardware or plumbing supply store for less than 10 dollars. They are simple to install and provide good backflow protection from your garden hose.

Please feel free to contact Donald McKinney, Utilities Operations Manager, at 972-780-4937, if you have any questions regarding these ordinances, or to request a list of testers.

Let's work together to keep our water safe and clean.



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