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WHAT IS THIS AND WHY AM I RECEIVING IT?

There are two different items included within this mailing. The first item is a cross connection survey form. The second item is the 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Per the Virginia Department of Health Waterworks Regulations and federal regulations, the Town is required to make a good faith effort to provide these documents to every water customer that is served by our water system. These reporting regulations are a standard part of state and federal requirements and ARE NOT an indication that your drinking water is unsafe.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WATER QUALITY REPORT?

This report is to provide the consumer in order to describe the quality of the Town's drinking water and to inform them about their water utility. The report includes information on our water source, the latest source water assessment, and water quality data. If you have any questions about this report please feel free to contact Rick Tawney, Town Engineer, at 540-921-0340.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY FORM?

The purpose of the cross connection survey form is to identify any actual or potential cross connections on an individual's property. A cross connection occurs when the setup of a plumbing system allows the drinking water supply to be connected to a line which contains a contaminant. An example is a garden hose attached to an outside spigot with the end of the hose lying in a swimming pool. The survey is as brief as possible and relatively simple to complete. Simply complete Part 1 by filling out your name, address and phone number. (If you are a tenant, please have the property owner complete the survey if you are unsure of your plumbing system.) Then, complete Part 2 by placing a checkmark by the items that apply to your water system. **Per state regulations, each water customer is required to complete and submit this form each year.**



WHAT IF I AM NOT SURE OF WHICH ITEMS APPLY TO MY WATER SYSTEM?

While there are a lot of items listed, most of them are not likely to be found at a private citizen's home (ex. Shampoo bowl/dry cleaning equipment). The most common applicable items are the outside spigots, yard spigots, commodes, swimming pools and mop sinks. If your outside spigot has a vacuum breaker you will be able to see it. An illustration of a vacuum breaker can be seen to the right.

There is a space provided at the bottom of the survey to include any other item(s) that are not already included in the list as well as a space for any comments you may have for the water department.

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY ANY ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CROSS CONNECTIONS ON MY PROPERTY?

It is entirely possible for cross connections within your plumbing system to result in contamination of the public water supply. It is mandatory that each outside spigot, including yard spigots, on your premises have a vacuum breaker in order to prevent the public water supply from becoming contaminated due to back-siphonage or backpressure. Backpressure is created whenever the downstream pressure exceeds the supply pressure. An example would be a hot water space-heating boiler operating under 15-20 pounds of pressure coincidental with a reduction of the Town's water supply below such pressure. The result would be a backpressure condition created and the contaminated boiler water would flow into the drinking water supply. Therefore, it is very important that vacuum breakers be installed. If you do not currently have a vacuum breaker installed please make sure that you complete the section in bold print indicating when you will do so in order to comply with the regulation. (A vacuum breaker is relatively inexpensive and can be purchased at some of the local stores.)

While situations involving backpressure do not occur often, it is a very serious situation when it does occur. Unprotected cross connections are potential disasters which can occur any time unless adequate protective devices are installed.

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HOW DO I RETURN MY COMPLETED SURVEY TO YOUR OFFICE?

You can return your completed survey to the Pearisburg Town Office (located at 112 Tazewell St) in person from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If it's more convenient or outside of business hours, you can place it in the drop box located in front of our office.

You can also mail your completed survey to our office. The mailing address is: 112 Tazewell St., Pearisburg, VA 24134.

Please remember that it is very important to return your completed survey to our office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

TOWN OF PEARISBURG – CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY

Part 1

Address of Property: _____
Name: _____
Are you the owner or tenant? _____
If the owner, tenant's name: _____
Home phone: _____
Work phone: _____

Part 2

Please place a checkmark beside any item that may apply to your premises:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside spigots without vacuum breaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installed vacuum breaker on outside spigots | <input type="checkbox"/> Private well |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frost proof spigot with vacuum breaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo bowl/sink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frost proof spigot without vacuum breaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Mop sink/laundry sink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-siphon flush tank (commode) | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar heating system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard hydrant/yard spigot/standpipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Cistern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Darkroom/photo development | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacuzzi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler system (outdoors) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot tub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler system (indoor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Process water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carbonated drink machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry cleaning equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Dye vat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dialysis equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Water trough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Booster pump |

If you have an existing outside spigot that does not have an installed vacuum breaker, please provide the date that you will have one installed: ____/____/____

Please offer a brief description of any other items connected to the water system on your premises:

Comments:

Please return this form to the Pearisburg Town Office in person, drop box located on the front porch or by mailing to : Town of Pearisburg, 112 Tazewell St., Pearisburg, VA 24134