

HOW TO TEST AND MAINTAIN A BACKFLOW PREVENTER

Step 1

Hire

Retain the services of a [Qualified Company](#) that is registered with the City of Vaughan to test the backflow preventer. The [Approved Qualified Company list](#) (PDF) can be found at vaughan.ca/WaterBackflow.

If you would like to hire a company that is not listed on the Approved Qualified Company list, the company must provide the City with all required documents for review and approval before the commencement of any work.

Step 2

Test

The Qualified Company will test the backflow preventer and complete a [Backflow Preventer Test and Inspection Report](#) (PDF) and affix a backflow device test tag after the test.

Every property owner shall ensure that all backflow preventers are tested upon installation, after being cleaned, repaired, overhauled, or relocated.

If a backflow preventer **fails a test** the property owner shall **immediately** notify the City and schedule the device to be **repaired and re-tested**.

Step 3

Submit

Within **14 days** of completing the test, submit the [Backflow Preventer Test & Inspection Report](#) (PDF) to the City by one of the following methods:

Mail: City of Vaughan
Environmental Services – Backflow Prevention Program
2800 Rutherford Rd.
Vaughan, ON L4K 2N9

Email: backflow@vaughan.ca

Step 4

Repeat

The date your backflow preventer is tested will become the **annual test date**. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure all backflow preventers are tested each year by an Approved Qualified Company.

The City of Vaughan thanks you for doing your part in protecting and maintaining the quality of water being delivered to residents, businesses, and visitors within Vaughan.