ATTENTION ALL WATER CUSTOMERS

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IF YOU ARE NOT A FREMONT WATER CUSTOMER, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REPORT FORM.

PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THIS REPORT FORM TODAY. RETURN IT WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OR YOU CAN FOLD THE FORM IN THIRDS SO THE RETURN ADDRESS SHOWS. A STAMP IS REQUIRED. YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT THIS FORM ONLINE TO FREMONT WEBSITE AT WWW.FREMONTNE.GOV

In response to amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the Nebraska Department of Health adopted rules and regulations for water distribution systems to implement backflow protection programs. The State of Nebraska's water regulations require that all Department of Utilities customers answer and return this cross-connection report form.

Identifying and eliminating cross connections will help keep our water safe!

Building Address:

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Fremont, Nebraska

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Address if different from above:

Street_____

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City,State,Zip_____

Company Name (if applicable):

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TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THESE ANSWERS ARE CORRECT.
(If you are not sure if your home has the proper devices installed to protect your water system from contamination, please call 727-2613 for help from a Water Dept. Serviceman.)

Do you have any of the Following:

1. Do you have any other source of water, such as a private well, at this address?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
If yes, is a backflow preventer installed?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
2. Do you have a swimming pool, spa or hot tub?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
If yes, do you fill it with a garden hose?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
Is it piped directly into your home's plumbing system?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
3. Do you have an underground lawn sprinkler system?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
If yes, is a backflow preventer installed?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
4. Do you have a water boiler to heat your home?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
If yes, is a backflow preventer installed?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
5. Do you have outside hose faucets at your home?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
If yes, is a vacuum breaker installed on the hose connection	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
6. Do you have a utility sink that a garden hose can be connected to?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
If yes, is a vacuum breaker installed on the hose connection?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐
7. Are you aware of any plumbing situation that may cause backflow at your home?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Don't Know ☐

What is backflow? Backflow occurs when water pressure in a customer's service connection is greater than the pressure in the public's water supply pipe. Of greatest concern is backflow of toxic chemicals and wastewater's that may contain pathogens. For example, chemically treated water from a boiler system being forced back through the service line into the public's drinking water supply.

What is Backsiphonage? Backsiphonage occurs when a contaminant is drawn into the public water system by a pressure change (usually a break in a water main). The pressure change siphons water toward the cause of the change. For example, if a home owner is spraying the lawn or shrubs with a device connected to an outside faucet through a garden hose and a sudden change in pressure occurs, the chemicals in the sprayer can be siphoned back into the homeowners own drinking water and the public's drinking water supply.

In most homes protecting against backflow and backsiphonage is relatively easy and inexpensive. Most homes will require vacuum breakers to be installed on the outside hose faucets. Some older underground sprinkler systems may also need to be addressed. In fewer cases, utility sinks, boiler heating systems and processing equipment may also need backflow prevention devices installed.

By eliminating potential backflow, backsiphonage conditions throughout the community, the safety of the public drinking water supply will be greatly enhanced. Safe drinking water is of paramount importance to us all.

SUBMIT

State of Nebraska Health Regulations require that all backflow preventers with test ports be tested annually (pressure vacuum breakers on sprinkler systems - every 5 years). Fremont Department of Utilities is required to keep records of these tests and will issue reminder notices when testing is due to be done.

Do you understand that only a state-licensed person may repair or test backflow preventers?

YES ☐ **NO** ☐

If you have questions about Cross Connections or Backflow Prevention call the DU Water Department at 727-2821 or 727-2613