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OWSI Backflow Testing Update

Backflow testing is an essential element in the effort to provide safe drinking water to all of our customers. The Backflow Assembly Testers (BATs) tests the assemblies to ensure proper operation to make sure that once the water leaves the distribution system it will not return to it. A BAT in our interpretation are an essential service much the same as plumbers. In most situations a BAT can provide their service to a customer with little to no face to face contact. The only exception would be if the backflow assembly is inside a building or inside a locked area.

We understand there are some concerns with having the test completed during the Stay at Home Order. In hopes of easing that concern, we have decided to extend the deadline for receiving the backflow test results to July 1st 2020 instead of June 1st 2020. We do feel that currently the test can be performed safely, however we also understand that each of us is feeling a little unsure of the current situation. OWSI is dedicated to provide safe drinking water under any condition. We are working for you in this critical situation we face in regards to the COVID-19 virus. We have seen no indication that COVID-19 would survive in drinking water.

Stay Safe,

Greg Rae

Manager