



## **Press Release**

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### **Charter Township of Union Cross Connection Program**

Beginning in December of 2020 there will be changes made to the Charter Township of Union Cross Connection Control program. Currently the program only consists of on-site inspecting for Cross Connections located within a Commercial or Industrial property. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has mandated that municipalities include residential home inspections as part of their Cross Connection Program. Due to the volume of homes involved, the Charter Township of Union will be contracting with Hydro-Corp Inc. for all future Cross Connection inspections. You can visit the following web site to learn more about Hydro-Corp: <http://hydrocorpinc.com/>

### **What is a Cross-Connection?**

A Cross connection is any connection of piping, which may allow non-potable water (unsafe to drink) to flow back into the public drinking water supply (potable). There are two required components of the program; 1) site inspection and 2) testing of backflow prevention assemblies. State plumbing code requires protective devices (backflow preventors) to be placed where this possibility might exist. The intention of these devices is to protect the public water supply. An example would be a lawn irrigation system. If it's connected to the municipal water supply it is required to have a back-flow prevention device properly installed. All devices must also be tested to certify they operate as designed. To find out more about cross connections visit the following website: <http://hydrincorp.com/municipal-market/homeowner-information>

### **Next Step**

Over the next four (4) years HydroCorp will be contacting all Union Township water customers to arrange an inspection date and time. They will need access to the interior of the residence to look for any cross connections, such as boiler units, water softeners, irrigation systems, submerged laundry hoses. While this might seem to be a nuisance, it is to your benefit. It is possible without the correct backflow prevention you could unknowingly contaminate the water within your own home.

If you have any questions please call the Department of Public Services @ 989-772-4600 ext. 224 or HydroCorp directly @ 800-690-6651.

**Thank you in advance for your help with keeping our drinking water safe!**