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Backflow Testing Information

1. All testers must pay all fees and new testers must submit an application prior to taking the exam. The cost of the Backflow Tester Certification Competency Exam is $215.00. The annual renewal fee is $135.00. The application and online written testing can be found on Environmental Health Services' (EHS) website at http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/programs/ehs/safe-drinking-water/.
   Application and fees must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to test date.

2. The Backflow Tester Certification Competency Exam must be taken at least once every three years. The following are the 2022 test dates:
   - January 18th and 19th
   - May 17th and 18th
   - September 13th and 14th

3. Once registration fees have been paid in full, an Eventbrite invite will be sent from EHS to sign up for a backflow exam date and time. Failure to arrive on time may result in forfeit your test appointment that day and you will need to be rescheduled for a make-up test date, next round of testing or later test time that day (if available). If you miss your appointment there is no guarantee that you will be tested.

4. All eligible testers must attend the written troubleshooting exam, followed by a hands-on practical exam at the San Bernardino Water Department Yard. The yard is located at 195 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA (corner of 2nd and D St.). Parking is available on city streets adjacent to the yard. When you arrive you will check in with an EHS employee. All testers must bring proof of a valid government issued photo identification.

5. The test will cover the DC, PVB, SVB and RP devices. The methods listed in USC's Manual of Cross-Connection Control 10th Edition will be the standard.

6. **EHS DOES NOT SUPPLY GAUGES OR TOOLS.** You may not share a gauge or tools with other testers during the same time slot. All testers must provide valid proof that the gauge has been calibrated within the last year.

7. Certificates issued are valid for 3 years from the month of successful certification pending all annual fees are paid when due.

Please provide your email address to receive updates about the Backflow program. If you need additional information, please contact Jheri Younger or Amanda Reifer at 800-442-2283 or email at:
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