

OPTIONAL TESTING PROGRAM FEES EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2008

Sarasota County Commissioners approved the following rates on Aug. 28, 2007 for backflow testing, repair and replacement. If you participate in the Optional Testing Program, these rates will be applied to your water bill.

SEE INFORMATION BELOW TABLE FOR EXPLANATION OF MONTHLY SERVICE FEE AND FEE SCHEDULE

County water customers may choose to deal directly with a licensed contractor for the annual testing and any necessary repair or replacement of their backflow preventer, or they may request that Sarasota County provide the services at the rates shown below. If a water customer does not conduct the testing, repair or replacement within 45 days of notice, the county shall provide the necessary services at the rates shown below, and will apply the charges to the customer's utility bill.

POTABLE WATER BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING ONLY:

Commercial and Residential, by pipe size related to assembly

	Total Charges	Monthly Fee
3/4"	\$30.40	\$2.53
1"	\$30.40	\$2.53
2 "	\$47.20	\$3.93
3"	\$56.00	\$4.67
4"	\$69.00	\$5.75
6"	\$89.00	\$7.42
8"	\$102.00	\$8.50
10"	\$131.00	\$10.92

POTABLE WATER BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY REPAIR:

Commercial and Residential, by pipe size related to assembly (may be paid in advance or lump sum billed on the next available billing cycle.)

3/4"	Actual Contractor County Rate plus \$5 Administrative Fee
1"	Actual Contractor County Rate plus \$5 Administrative Fee
2 "	Actual Contractor County Rate plus \$5 Administrative Fee

POTABLE WATER BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY REPLACEMENT

Commercial and Residential, by pipe size related to assembly (may be paid in advance or lump sum billed on the next available billing cycle.)

3/4"	Actual Contractor County Rate plus \$5 Administrative Fee
1"	Actual Contractor County Rate plus \$5 Administrative Fee
2 "	Actual Contractor County Rate plus \$5 Administrative Fee

FIRE LINE BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING ONLY

Commercial and Residential, by pipe size related to assembly

	Total Charges	Monthly Fee
2"	\$111.16	\$9.26
3"	\$123.65	\$10.30
4"	\$136.14	\$11.35
6"	\$158.52	\$13.21
8"	\$171.01	\$14.25
10"	\$183.51	\$15.29

Is the monthly fee temporary or permanent?

This depends on your choice to contract with a private plumber or participate in the county's plan. Privately contracted plumber charges will vary, depending upon the plumber's individual rates. Because testing is an annual requirement, these charges will continue on a monthly basis.

What is the \$5 administrative fee for?

This fee was enacted to help pay for the paperwork necessary to process the current backflow prevention program and to help with costs to maintain the optional testing program.