

7.2 WATER SUPPLIES BOUNDARY BACKFLOW POLICY

Date Adopted	Next Review	Officer Responsible
25 October 2018	By 1 June 2023	3 Waters Services Manager

Policy Purpose:

To comply with relevant legislative requirements and protect the Rotorua drinking water supplies from potential contamination.

Policy:

- To inspect of identified properties and water connections at appropriate intervals in order to assess and evaluate backflow risk and the on-going appropriateness of existing backflow prevention systems if any.
- To install and maintain appropriate backflow prevention devices at the point of supply for all connections identified as having medium or high backflow risk.
- To require the owner of the property or the water account holder in respect of which the backflow prevention device operates, to pay the cost of installation as a lump sum.
- To maintain a register of all such backflow prevention devices.
- To test each such backflow prevention device at least annually.
- To recover the cost of maintenance and annual testing of such backflow prevention devices from the property owner or water account holder by means of an annual targeted rate or an adjustment to the existing targeted rate.