

Who is affected by this by-law?

All ICI Customers (Industrial, Commercial, Institutional) and Multi-residential properties (five or more units) that have the potential to contaminate the Town's water supply system, must install backflow prevention devices on all connections coming off the Towns' water supply line. Different industries have different hazard classifications, i.e. a car wash facility or a hospital would be rated as a severe risk, a restaurant or school would be rated as a moderate risk.

Institutional

Includes - Schools, Hospitals, retirement homes, correctional facilities

Industrial

Includes - factories, manufacturers

Commercial

Any building that sale product

Includes - Stores, restaurants, gas stations, hair salons, car wash facilities etc.

Why are homes not covered by this by-law?

Single family homes pose the least threat for contamination of the water supply. They are considered a low hazard and no protection is required in the by-law. However, homeowners can help to protect our water supply and the water within their own homes by installing backflow prevention devices on their garden [hoses bibs](#)

[PAGE_DESCRIPTION: This section of the website contains information backflow prevention topics of interest to Penetanguishene residents.]