

GS Pinon Pines LLC, Buena Vista, Colorado

**IMPORTANT, ACTION REQUIRED**

June 17, 2016

Dear Water System Customer,

Greetings from your water system management. The purpose of this letter is to make you all aware of a requirement imposed on every water system throughout the State. According to the Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations (CPDWR) Article 12, GS Pinon Pines LLC, as a Community Water System must develop and implement a “**Cross Connection Control Plan**”. The purpose of this program is to protect public health by protecting the integrity of our water system from “Backflow events”. Throughout modern history there have been many backflow events leading to major outbreaks of illness and even death. The science behind such events is pretty simple to understand.

Let’s take, for example, a mop sink with a hose leading into a mop bucket full of floor cleaning chemicals and water, or a weed sprayer full of poison (Cross Connection). At the same time, the water system has a drop in psi, either from a pipe break, extreme pressure loss, or the well pumping is disrupted. Suddenly, the water throughout the distribution system is being pulled towards the cause of the pressure loss. This back-siphonage can (and does) very easily pull the water directly out of the mop bucket and into the potable water lines, which is then consumed by the public. An unprotected irrigation system or a small wading pool for kids can also back flow in the event of a pressure loss, thus contaminating the water distribution system. It is very easy to understand why this is such a dramatic concern.

Therefore, the water system is **Statutorily Required** to identify cross connections throughout the Park and make sure that proper **Backflow Prevention Devices** are installed and in good working order. Such devices are to be inspected by a certified Cross Connection Control Technician upon installation and once per year after that.

We have developed a Cross Connection Control Plan, and it can be viewed with this year’s Consumer Confidence Report at our website: <http://gscommunities.biz/pinon-pines-mobile-home-community/>. Additionally, copies of the Cross Connection Control Plan and Consumer Confidence Report are available with our manager, Beth Carnell.

**How You Can Help:**

Please send a note to Beth Carnell, 29600 C. R. 353, Lot 57, Buena Vista, CO 81211 indicating if you have an irrigation sprinkler system, mop sink, hot water boiler or any other connection that leads to any substance other than potable water. We can work with you to have a proper backflow prevention device installed. Please also let Beth know if you currently have a backflow prevention device in place.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
John Victor  
Water Administrator  
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More info can be found at  
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/drinkingwater/ManagerialTools.html>