

Mattapoissett Water and Sewer Department

Cross Connection

A cross connection is a connection between a drinking water pipe and a polluted source. Example: a lawn sprayer with weed killer is hooked up to a water hose. If the water pressure drops at the same time you turn on the hose, the chemical in the sprayer may be sucked back into the hose and into the drinking water pipes. This could pollute the drinking in the house and may contaminate the Town's drinking water system. This problem can be prevented by using an attachment on your hose called a backflow-prevention device. You can buy a backflow-prevention device at any plumbing supply or hardware supply store. The Town of Mattapoissett has a cross connection control program that covers the Town's industrial and commercial water users. Please contact the Water and Sewer Department if you have any questions relating to cross connection control programs.

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