



Selecting a Tester

When your backflow assembly is due for its operational test you will need to select an approved tester. This list can be found on our Cross Connection webpage under the "Find A Certified Tester" tab. (www.raleighnc.gov Search: Cross Connection)

An approved tester is one who has gone to an approved school and completed an orientation with the Cross Connection Program. Here are a few guidelines for selecting a tester.

1. Only use the Certified Testers list as a guide to selecting a tester. If someone calls you or approaches, ensure that they are on the list.
2. When Certified Tester arrives to do the test, check id and business card. It is a good idea to keep the business card or contact information for future reference.
3. Ensure that they have a test kit, tools, and a test report. Common Test Kit:



4. Ensure they connect the test kit to the backflow assembly. The test procedures are different for each assembly. You can find videos online of how to test your particular type of backflow assembly. Your tester should follow similar procedures. The test kits on the market will work with all backflow assemblies used today; there is not a certain test kit for a certain assembly.
 - A. Reduced Pressure Assembly (RPZ/RPDA) testing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP07FkZDMR4
 - B. Double Check (DC/DCDA) testing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOhCnV7yl6s
5. After the test is completed, the tester should hand you a copy of the test report for your records. It is the City of Raleigh's Certified Tester's responsibility to submit your report online to our contracted vendor VEPO.

