To all Property Owners:

The Board of Water Commissioners has contracted with the Safe Water Commission (SWC), a Minnesota company, to manage the city's backflow prevention program. These devices are designed to prevent backflow of water from your system into the public water supply. The first step for the program will be to identify where all the devices are. SWC employees will get information by observing which properties have sprinkler heads in the yards. They will do this visual survey in March or April depending upon snowfall. SWC employees will have identification and will not enter into a backyard. If you do have a residential backflow device, please visit www.safewatercommission.com and under the PROPERTY OWNERS tab click on SURVEY to provide additional information on your device required for the program. Below is basic information from SWC about the backflow program:

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Notice: All backflow devices within the city limits of Stillwater need to be inspected annually.

Effective January 23, 2016, the Minnesota Plumbing Code has adopted the national plumbing code, the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code with Minnesota amendments.

According to the Code:

"Responsibility of the owner - The owner of the backflow prevention device is responsible for making sure the backflow device is tested upon installation and at least annually thereafter. The owner is responsible for arranging for a backflow device tester to test devices at least annually."

As a property owner in Stillwater, it is required for you to check to see if you have one or more of these important plumbing backflow devices on your property. If you do have one of these devices, you will need to have the device inspected annually by a certified ASSE Backflow testers. For a list of licensed testers go to www.safewatercommission.com

These applications require backflow devices:
- Irrigation Systems, in ground (all homes & businesses)
- Commercial Boilers
- Cooling Towers
- Medical Equipment
- Laboratory Uses
- Commercial Water Treatment
- Vehicle Washing Facilities
- Facilities Commercial
- Fire Sprinklers
- Processing Plants