



Stoughton Utilities

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Serving Electric, Water & Wastewater Since 1886

Stoughton Utilities Water Cross Connection Policy

1. **DEFINITION OF CROSS CONNECTION:** A cross connection is defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the city of Stoughton's public water system, and the other of which contains water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.
2. **UNPROTECTED CROSS CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED:** No person, firm or corporation may establish or maintain, or permit to be established or maintained, any unprotected cross connection. Cross connections shall be protected as required in Ch. COMM 82, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
3. **INSPECTION:** Stoughton Utilities may inspect, or arrange for an inspection of, property served by the public water system for cross connections. As an alternative, Stoughton Utilities may require a person, firm, or corporation who owns, leases, or occupies property to have their plumbing inspected, at their own expense by a State of Wisconsin Certified Cross Connection Inspector/Surveyor. The frequency of inspections shall be established by Stoughton Utilities in accordance with the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Any unprotected cross connections identified by the inspection shall be promptly corrected. Failure to promptly correct an unprotected cross connection shall be sufficient cause for Stoughton Utilities to discontinue water service to the property.
4. **RIGHT OF ENTRY:** Upon presentation of credentials, a representative of Stoughton Utilities shall have the right to request entry, at any reasonable time, to a property served by a connection to the public water system for the purpose of inspecting the property for cross connections. Refusing entry to such utility representative shall be sufficient cause for Stoughton Utilities to discontinue water service to the property. If entry is refused, a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119 of the Wisconsin Statutes, may be obtained.
5. **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION:** Stoughton Utilities may request an owner, lessee, or occupant of property served by a connection to the public water system to furnish the utility with pertinent information regarding the piping system of the property. Refusing to provide requested information shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property.
6. **DISCONTINUATION OF WATER FOR VIOLATION:** Stoughton Utilities may discontinue water service to any property wherein any unprotected connection in violation of this resolution exists, and take other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued, however, only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.
7. **EMERGENCY DISCONTINUANCE:** If it is determined by Stoughton Utilities an unprotected cross connection or emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare, and requires immediate action, and if a written finding to that effect is filed with the Utilities Director and delivered to the customer's premises, water service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

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