



Survey of Premise Isolation Field Guide Backflow Prevention Program

The following is a field guide to the required survey information. For more information on the Backflow Prevention Program, please refer to ottawa.ca/backflow.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. Complete one survey per water metering account.
- B. You have the option to submit the survey of premise isolation per building or per property. Please refer to the attached illustrations for explanation.
- C. All fields are required unless otherwise indicated.
- D. Only a “Qualified Person” as defined in City of Ottawa Water Bylaw 2013-360, as amended, is permitted to complete this survey and make recommendations for remedial actions.

SURVEY FIELD GUIDE:

Upon entering the building/owner contact information, the surveyor must verify whether premise isolation measures are **currently required** at this metered location in accordance with Water Bylaw 2013-360, as amended. If the surveyor deems it to be unnecessary, the reasons must be provided before advancing to the “Fire Protection System – Backflow Prevention Information” section.

Building Information Section

For metered locations where premise isolation is currently required, identify the following:

- Building’s use category (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional/Residential)
- Number of metered water service connections at this facility
- Highest hazard classification and name of that tenant

Domestic Water System - Backflow Prevention Information Section

Identify the following:

- Presence or absence of a backflow assembly in place currently
- If premise isolation currently is achieved at the metered connections near the property line or at the building's water entry
- Type of backflow assembly currently in place (RP or DCVA)
- Assembly's fitting size (in inches)
- Manufacturer's name, model number and serial number
- A clear description of the backflow assembly location inside the building
- Date the assembly was last tested, name of testing company, and whether the installation was done correctly to achieve premise isolation
- If the service main pipe has a parallel branch (provide the backflow prevention information for the primary and secondary backflow devices in parallel)

Fire Protection System – Backflow Protection Information Section

Identify the following:

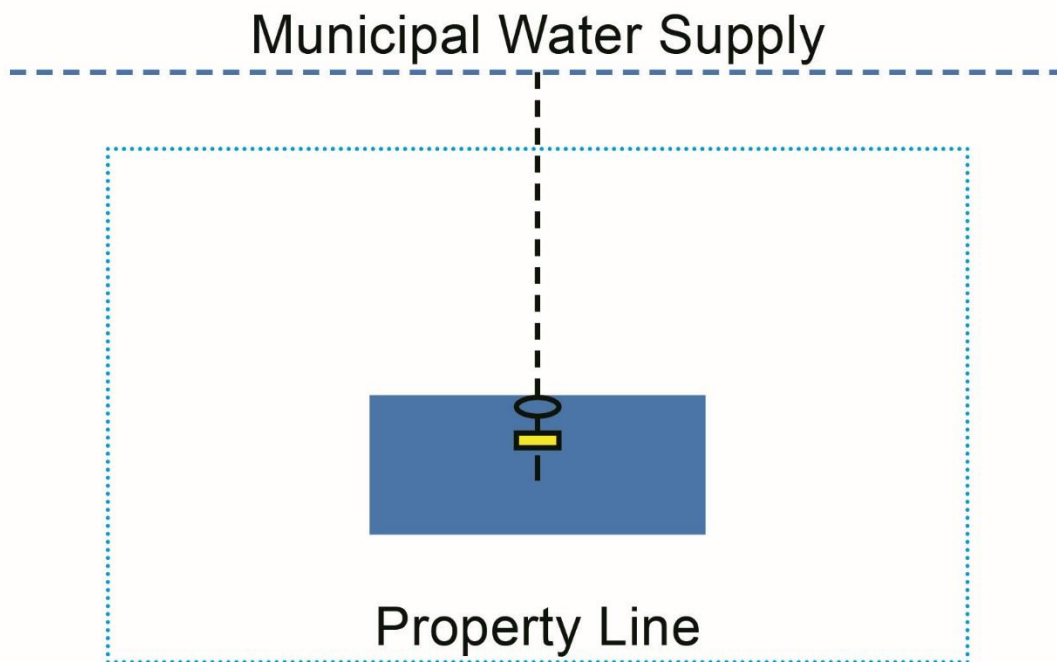
- If the building is sprinklered
- Whether the fire service pipe layout poses a risk of backflow to the City's drinking water (describe how and why).
- Measures that are currently in place for backflow prevention at the fire protection system
- Existing assembly information (refer to the previous section)

Surveyor's Declaration

Upon completion of the above information sections, the Surveyor must authenticate the Surveyor's Declaration section **before** submitting the finished survey.

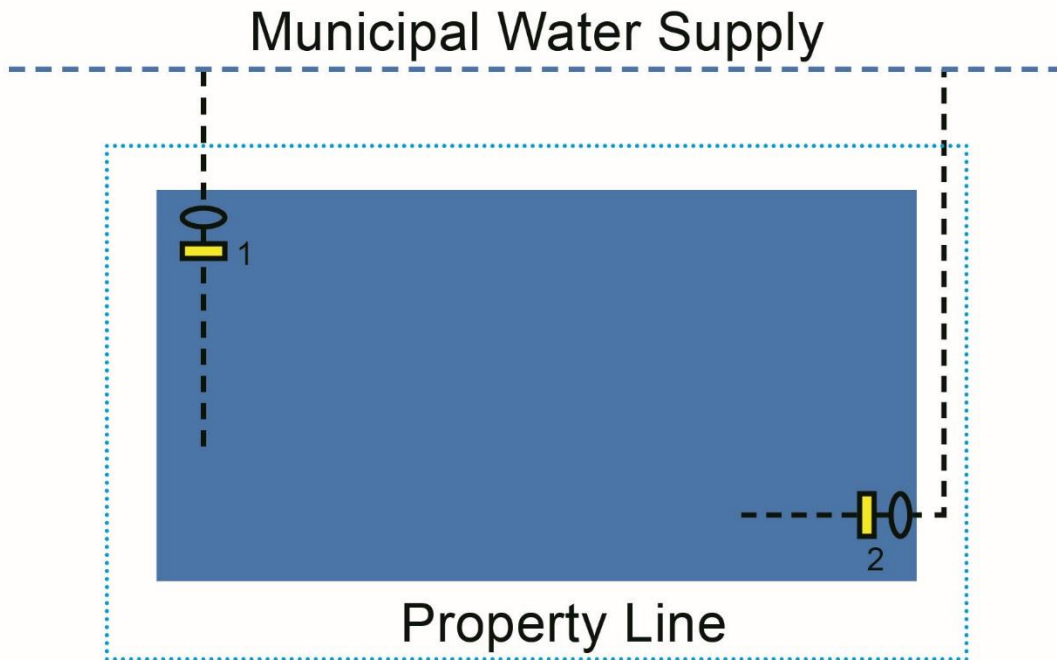
ILLUSTRATIONS

I. Acceptable Premise Isolation Approach “At Meter” for a Standalone Building with One Water Connection



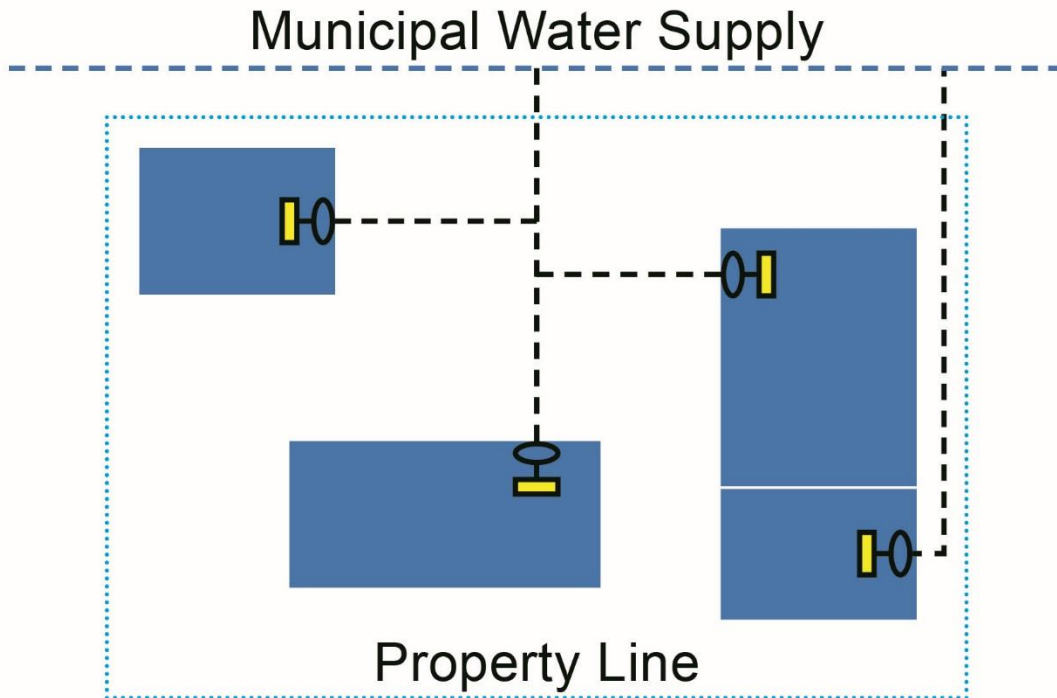
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-  Backflow Assembly



II. Acceptable Premise Isolation Approach “At Meter” for a Standalone Building with Multiple Water Connections



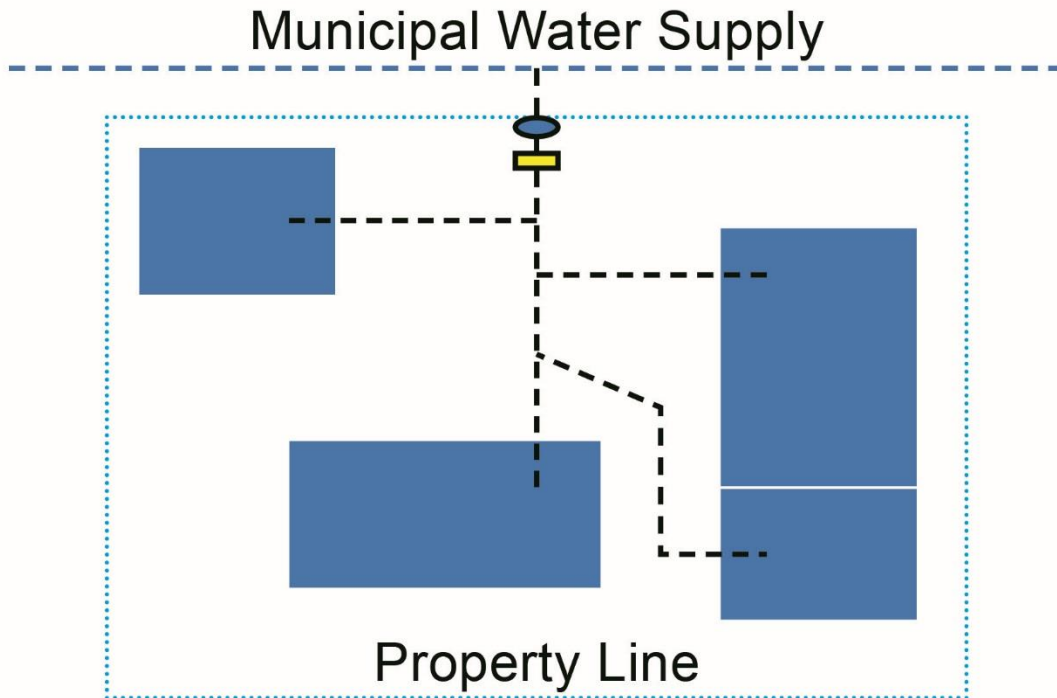
-  Water Meter
-  Backflow Assembly



III. Acceptable Premise Isolation Approach “At Meter” for Campus Arrangements



-  Water Meter
-  Backflow Assembly

IV. Acceptable Premise Isolation Approach at Property Line



-  Water Meter
-  Backflow Assembly

V. Typical Risks of Cross Connection at the Domestic and Fire Supply Pipes Where No Backflow Prevention Measure in Place

