

## **CMWA Policy Regarding Cisterns**

For more information on CDPHE requirements for cisterns please visit the website.  
[Colorado.gov/cdphe/drinking-water-cross-connection-control-program](https://colorado.gov/cdphe/drinking-water-cross-connection-control-program)

Public water supplies, such as Crawford Mesa Water Association, (CMWA), cannot allow possible cross connections as they can affect the water quality from possible contamination into the water system. Private cisterns can create a possible threat.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) if your cistern was installed per the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) no further tracking will be required. Also, if you choose to disconnect your cistern from the water system then no further tracking will be required.

If you do not meet the above requirements then a testable assembly such as a backflow preventor must be installed by a certified plumber and must be checked yearly by a certified plumber. This would be at the member's cost.

CMWA must receive written documentation that one of the previous solutions has been completed. CMWA must track on a yearly basis, according to CDPHE, that the cisterns are meeting all the requirements.

Failure to comply with this policy could result in interruption of service.