

IMPORTANT NOTICE/ACTION REQUIRED

RESIDENTIAL CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Dear Briarcliff Resident,

The DEQ has recently initiated a new cross connection rule designed to protect public water systems from back flow contamination. Please see the enclosed brochure for information and explanation.

Although we are a private water system, we work closely with the DEQ and are required to follow the mandates set forth in the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1976. And because we take the delivery of safe, clean drinking water to our residents very seriously, we will be taking measures to ensure homeowner compliance with this new regulation later this year.

The simplest and most cost effective way to begin individual homeowner compliance is to **install vacuum breaker valves on each of the two (2) outside water spigots on your home.** Water Systems Manager Dan Gordon has negotiated bulk rate discounts for the materials required to complete this job; Dan and Water System Assistant Carl Moore will be **visiting each home in the subdivision throughout the Spring and Summer to install those valves.** No appointment is necessary, and their schedule has not yet been determined.

When they visit your home, they will knock on your door to advise of their presence and intent. If no one is home, they will leave a notice on the door advising you of their action. (Note: If a fence or dog prevents them from accessing the back yard area, they will install in the front only and will leave a note asking you to call them to arrange a convenient time to complete the job.)

There are other household hazards, such as pools and laundry tubs, which, though unlikely to occur, could also pose a cross connection threat. Some of those are addressed in the enclosed brochure, and you can find additional information on our www.ebriarcliff.org website or at www.michigan.gov/deq

The cost of this will be included in the one-time special assessment of \$200 due in June for the water system tank replacement.

Sincerely,

Briarcliff Homeowners Association Board of Directors

**Article IV, Section 7. c. "The Board is herewith empowered to determine the necessity to assess and collect special assessments pertaining to the water system by a 2/3 vote without prior authorization from the members".*

NOTE: Your Board is committed to sending you timely and important communications and will be transitioning from regular mail to electronic mail for most correspondence. Please ensure any changes to your email or contact information is communicated immediately to president@ebriarcliff.org.