

## ***Definitions***

### **Potable**

Water that is deemed safe for human consumption.

### **Non-potable**

Water that is deemed **not** safe for human consumption; contaminated in some way.

### **Backflow prevention assembly**

An approved mechanical device designed to prevent the backflow of used water, contaminants, or pollutants from the customer's piping into the public drinking water supply.

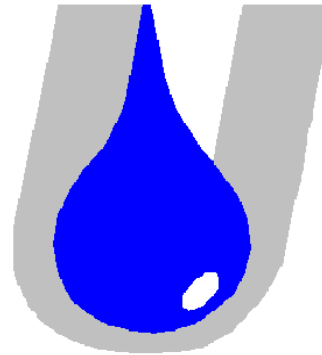
### **Isolation**

An approved backflow assembly at the cross-connection on each piece of water using equipment, such as a chemical feed.

### **Containment**

An approved backflow assembly on the water service line immediately following the water meter.

*Urbandale Water Utility is committed to providing you with safe drinking water. Cross-connections are a serious problem that can result in water contamination, and possible illness or death. Your compliance with state and local plumbing codes help to protect the drinking water from possible contamination.*



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**Cross-Connection  
and  
Backflow  
What is it?**

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