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For Immediate Release

Backflow Prevention Lock Program for Irrigation Systems

A new program will bring relief to residents who have irrigation systems they no longer use.

The Village Board has approved a program that spares residents the expense of activating and testing systems that they do not use. The annual “cross connection” test is otherwise required by the Illinois EPA.

At the owner’s request, Village staff will install a specially keyed ‘lockout’ device that prevents the irrigation system from being turned on. This ensures that inadvertent contamination of the water supply cannot occur, satisfying the IEPA’s regulation, and allows residents to avoid costly annual inspections of the system.

To sign up for this program, residents are required to sign an agreement form along with an installation fee of \$45. There is also an annual inspection fee of \$25 beginning in the second year and continuing until the device is removed.

The annual inspection fee will be broken up into four payments of \$6.25 and will be added to the utility bill. Installation is quick and devices can be removed at any time by contacting the Village.

To sign up, please submit the signed agreement form and a check for \$45 to the Public Works and Engineering Department located at 465 Elm Street. The agreement form can be found on the Village website at www.deerfield.il.us.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847.317.2490.

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Released by the Village Manager’s Office
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VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD
RIGHT OF ACCESS AGREEMENT

I, _____ ("*Owner*"), the owner of that certain property located at _____, Deerfield, Illinois ("*Property*"), do hereby authorize the Village of Deerfield, and its officials, authorized agents, employees, and contractors (collectively, the "*Village*"), to enter the Property for the purpose of installing a tamper-resistant safety lockout device on the irrigation system on the Property "**Work**". This right of entry includes, without limitation, the reasonable rights of ingress and egress over, along, upon and across the Property as necessary to perform and complete the Work.

I acknowledge and agree that the Village is not, and shall not be, in any way liable for any damages or injuries that may be sustained as the result of the performance of the Work by the Village on the Property. I further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Village against any and all damages, liability, claims, losses, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) that may arise, or be alleged to have arisen, out of or in connection with the Work on the Property, or any part of such Work, including but not limited to any damage or loss resulting from non-use of the irrigation system on the Property, whether or not caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent acts or omissions of the Village.

I hereby represent that I have paid the Village an installation fee in the amount of \$45 in consideration for the Village's performance and completion of the Work on the Property, and I hereby acknowledge and agree that, for each and every year that the safety lockout device remains installed on the irrigation system on the Property, I shall pay an annual fee of \$25, for the inspection and maintenance of the safety lockout device.

I certify that I have read and fully understand this document, and I execute it of my own free will and without any reservation whatsoever.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

OWNER

Signature: _____