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**\*\*NOTICE\*\***  
**WATER CLOSET HAND-HELD BIDET SPRAYER AND**  
**PREMISE ISOLATION BACKFLOW**

The City of Kitchener is seeing an increase in rough-in's for the future installation of a hand-held bidet sprayer next to water closets in new house construction. These hand-held fixtures have the potential to contaminate the City Water Source without adequate premise isolation backflow prevention. The City of Kitchener Building Division and Kitchener Utilities have discussed and effective immediately the following will be required;

- where a rough-in for a hand-held bidet sprayer is installed next to a water closet,
  - a premise isolation backflow preventor shall be installed at the water meter for the house,
  - after the installation of the backflow preventor it shall be tested and the report submitted to the Building Inspector prior to the final plumbing inspection, and
  - the homebuilder shall inform the future homeowner that annual testing of the backflow preventor will be required through the City's Backflow Division.

Alternatively, a CSA approved bidet seat would be permitted to be installed without premise isolation backflow.

If you should have any specific questions related to the information noted above, feel free to contact City of Kitchener Building Division, at 519-741-2433.

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