

## **Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Information**

The LaVale Sanitary Commission is installing a new meter box at your property line. We will be connecting your existing service line to the new water meter. The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Chapter 26.04.01.32 requires LaVale Sanitary Commission to install a double check valve on your service line. The purpose of the check valve is to prevent water from flowing back into the main in the event of a break. This check valve can cause an increase in pressure when water is heated in your hot water tank. This increase in pressure will cause the tank to vent through a properly functioning pressure relief valve located on your tank. Should you notice water leaking from the valve on your tank you will need to install an expansion tank. This tank can be installed by a local plumber or purchased at any local plumbing or home improvement supply store and installed by the homeowner. The Commission will not install expansion tanks.

Your meter will be located outside your home at the property line. Depending on the age of your service line, the Commission recommends you consider replacing the line between the meter and the residence. Water leaked between the meter and the home will be the responsibility of the property owner. Again, a local plumber or the homeowner can replace the line, but the Commission will need to inspect the replacement prior to it being covered.

We appreciate your patience during the construction. Should you have any questions or need any further information please feel free to call the Commission at (301) 729-1638.