



## Building Safety Tip \* Hose Connections

### Check Hose Connection Faucets for Vacuum Breakers

#### The Warning Signs:

- No Visible Vacuum Breaker Installed

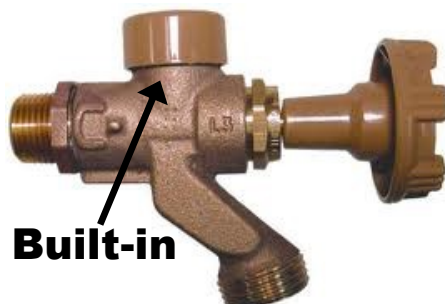
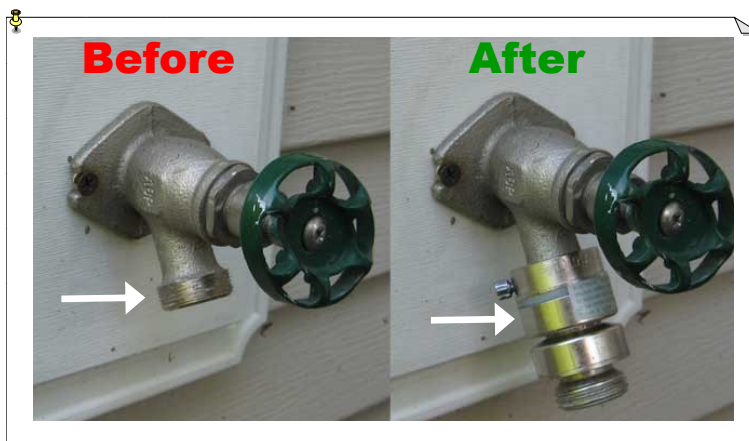
Many homes have old-style hose connections which lack an important safety device known as a hose connection vacuum breaker. Hydrants and hose bibbs that have vacuum breakers prevent backsiphonage of non-potable and toxic liquids through a common garden hose. Water hoses can be connected to equipment like pressure washers and liquid fertilizer dispensers and can also be submerged in barrels and buckets containing non-potable liquids. If your home has hose connections without built-in vacuum breakers, consider replacing them with ones that do or install a listed retrofit vacuum breaker to help safeguard the drinking water supply. An ASSE 1011 device is designed for non-pressure applications & an ASSE 1052 backflow preventer is designed for continuous pressure applications such as power washers.



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