

Changes to the Regulated Backflow Assemblies Program Effective June 1st, 2016

The adoption of the 2015 Minnesota Plumbing Code has brought significant changes to the installation and testing of backflow assemblies. The following six (6) devices are now considered to be Regulated Backflow Assemblies:

- Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) Backflow Prevention Assembly (ASSE 1020)
- Spill Resistant Pressure Vacuum Breaker (SRVB) Assembly (ASSE 1056)
- Reduced Pressure Principal (RP) Backflow Prevention Assembly and Reduced Pressure Principal Fire Protection (RP) Backflow Prevention Assembly (ASSE 1013)
- Reduced Pressure Detector Fire Protection (RP) Backflow Prevention Assembly (ASSE 1047)
- Double Check (DC) Valve Backflow Prevention Assembly and Double Check (DC) Fire Protection Backflow Prevention Assembly (ASSE 1015)
- Double Check (DC) Detector Fire Protection Backflow Prevention Assembly (ASSE 1048)

In order to install, remove or overhaul a device listed above, a City of Minneapolis licensed plumbing contractor must obtain a plumbing permit. These devices require testing by a State-Certified backflow assembly tester at the time of installation and annually thereafter in accordance with Minnesota Statute 326B.437 and Chapter 6 of the MN Plumbing Code. A plumbing permit must also be obtained from the City of Minneapolis for the annual testing of these devices.

The City of Minneapolis has updated the Backflow Preventer Test Report form and the Backflow Preventer Record Card (assembly/device tag) and made them device specific. <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/mdr/plumbingpermits/index.htm>

The 2015 MN Plumbing Code can be viewed here:
<http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/MinnesotaPlumbingCode.aspx>