



**City of Duluth**  
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## Changes to the Regulated Backflow Preventer Program

The adoption of the 2015 Minnesota Plumbing Code has brought significant changes to the installation and testing of backflow preventers. The following devices are now considered to be Regulated Backflow Preventers:

- 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 Duluth licensed plumbing contractor must obtain a plumbing permit. These devices require testing by a State-Certified backflow preventer 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 backflow preventer test permit must also be obtained from the City of Duluth to record the annual testing of these devices. The annual test report must be submitted by December 31 of each calendar year.

Obtain the updated Backflow Preventer Test Report on the Construction Services website at:  
<http://www.duluthmn.gov/construction-services-inspections/permits> .

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