



## Backflow Preventer Test Reporting Program

### These devices are 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)

### Responsibilities:

#### Responsibility of the municipality

The municipality is responsible for notifying owners of backflow devices of the need for initial and annual testing of backflow devices. This can be done through the plumber when the plumbing permit is issued. As a condition of the permit, the plumber informs the device owner of the requirements.

#### Responsibility of the owner

The owner of the backflow prevention device is responsible for making sure the backflow device is tested upon installation and at least annually thereafter. The owner is responsible for arranging for a backflow device tester to test devices at least annually.

#### Responsibility of the plumbing contractor

The plumbing contractor is responsible for informing the building owner of the need to have their backflow devices tested upon installation and at least annually thereafter.

#### Responsibility of the backflow tester

The backflow device tester is responsible for testing the backflow device and tagging it with the testing date, tester signature and backflow certification number.

Written records of testing and maintenance must be maintained and submitted to the administrative authority and the community public water supplier within 30 days following the test.

### Requirements:

To install or remove a device listed above, a State of Minnesota 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 application must also be applied for on [eplace](#) on the City of Duluth's website to record the initial testing and annual testing of these devices by December 31 of each calendar year.

Obtain the updated [Backflow Preventer Test Report Form](#) on the Construction Services website in the Document Library.