

## IMPORTANT BACKFLOW PREVENTION INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

<b>Cambridge testing fees:</b>
Backflow Prevention Device Testing: \$20.00 <b>PER DEVICE (submit fee &amp; test form-plumbing permit application not required)</b>
New Install of Backflow Prevention Device: \$26.00 (must submit device data within 30 days of install).

Please visit [www.ci.cambridge.mn.us/](http://www.ci.cambridge.mn.us/) for the city of Cambridge Plumbing Permit applications (required for NEW installs only) and the Backflow Preventer Test & Device Forms (Plumbing Permit Application is not needed for tests only).

**NOTE: We will also accept your device test forms along with payment.**

### **Backflow Preventer Information:**

New and existing RPZ installation will continue to be tested annually. Testing requirements for non-RPZ devices became effective for installations made on or after January 23, 2016.

The new 2015 Minnesota plumbing code states you must have your pressure vacuum breaker (PVB) tested by a licensed tester. This new code only applies to installations after January 23, 2016. The code does not require an existing PVB to be tested on an annual basis, however, manufacturers installation instructions always required testing for all PVB's, but this was not a code requirement. If you prefer to have your PVB tested, a licensed tester along with the proper test report submitted to the city must do it.

All newly installed backflow preventers require a permit and device data needs to be submitted within 30 days of installation.

### **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. It may be helpful for the municipality to prepare an information sheet to provide to the plumber at time of the plumbing permit application. 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.

For more Backflow Preventer information, visit the Minnesota Department of Labor website at [www.dli.mn.gov](http://www.dli.mn.gov)