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Regulated Backflow Assemblies (RBA) Program Changes 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 (RBA):

- 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 rebuild a device listed above, a City of Minneapolis licensed plumbing contractor must obtain a RBA License. These devices require testing by a State-Certified backflow assembly tester at the time of installation and annually thereafter in accordance with 2015 Minnesota Plumbing Code Chapter 4714.603.5.23.

Refer to the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Title 5, Chapter 87, Article III for additional requirements for the RBA Program.

Non-Reduced Pressure (RP) assembly annual testing requirements became effective for installations made on or after Jan. 23, 2016.

RBA test report must be submitted by the testing company to the City within two weeks of completion of test.

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