

BACKFLOW PREVENTION - INFORMATION FOR PLUMBERS

Council will determine if a device is required at a property. All properties with a water connection and a medium or high hazard rating must have a testable backflow prevention device in accordance with the Plumbing Code of Australia and Australian Standard AS3500.

Council will assign a default level of hazard based on an assessment of the primary activities being undertaken on site. Licensed plumbers with backflow prevention accreditation will assist in determining the type of device required. If the property has more than one water meter they will need to install a device on each of the meters.

WHAT ARE THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the correct backflow device is installed on their property.

A licensed backflow plumber can inspect a premise and advise the property owner of the appropriate backflow prevention device(s) needed.

The Plumbing Code of Australia requires property owners to test these devices every 12 months by a licensed plumber with backflow prevention accreditation.

RE-ASSESSING HAZARD RATINGS

Hazard ratings are assigned to premises based on the business activities undertaken on the property.

This hazard rating may be reassessed by an accredited backflow licensed plumber from time to time, for instance, when the business activity changes.

Please apply to Council in writing on behalf of your customer for a reassessment, together with supporting evidence.

Council will review and advise of the outcome within 21 days.

INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE BOOKS

Inspection and Maintenance books have been developed to assist plumbers with backflow certification.

Send in the yellow copy of the completed inspection report within five (5) working days.

Books are available at Council for accredited plumbers on Council's register.

If you are accredited, but not on the Plumbers Accreditation List, you will need to submit the plumbing pro forma along with a copy of your accreditation to Council. The pro forma is available on Council's website.

CONTROL VALVE

If a plumber identifies a service that does not have a control valve required to turn off the water supply at the point of backflow installation and testing, please report this to Council's Water and Sewerage Client Services Team.

Council will arrange for the installation of a control valve.



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