

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTER INSTALLATION

Pursuant to City of Kitchener Bylaw 2013-115 being a bylaw to ensure the municipal water is protected from potential backflow by ensuring that proper devices are installed, tested and maintained.

1. Backflow Protection:
 - a) Sources of cross connections shall be installed as per OBC Part 7 & CAN/CSA B64-10. If selection can not be easily identified or is not listed in the CSA Selection Guide, contact Kitchener Utilities 519-741-2600 ext. 4840 or bfpreports@kitchener.ca
 - b) The Premise isolation device (installed at the meter) is required to be a Double Check Valve Assembly or a Reduced Pressure Type BFP for high hazard facilities. Residential buildings within the scope of Part 9 of the O.B.C. are not required to comply with the Backflow Regulations 2013-115 unless a hazard exists on the premises.
 - c) A qualified tester shall test all testable backflow prevention devices and submit the report on a City of Kitchener test report form (email us for a copy).
 - d) All plumbing including the backflow preventer shall be installed by a plumber licensed with the City of Kitchener.
 - e) Label all non-potable water piping either with the words “non-potable water” or a symbol, which is easily recognizable as the same.
 - f) If installing underground automatic lawn-sprinkler systems, you are required to install an approved DCVA on the supply to the system. If chemical or fertilizer injection systems are employed on the system then an approved RP or PVB must be installed.
2. All plumbing is subject to mandatory on site inspection. To arrange inspections please call 519-783-8773 or bfpreports@kitchener.ca. For other permit enquiries contact 519-741-2433.
3. Do not cover, conceal or otherwise restrict access to any plumbing until the inspection has been completed and passed.
4. Failure to follow these procedures may result in issuance of an “Order to comply”, fines and/or possible termination of water service.
5. All testable backflow prevention devices are subject to annual testing. Legible test reports on a City of Kitchener test report form must be submitted within 14 days of the test.
7. PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETAIN A COPY OF ALL TEST REPORTS.

Contact Information: 519-783-8773 bfpreports@kitchener.ca