



Tucson Water Backflow News

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CONSTRUCTION BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY TESTING

Beginning January 1, 2009, all construction BPAs were required to be tested every month. . There is no 45 day window as with annual tests. These must be tested in the month specified. Some larger companies may choose to have one of their own employees certified and test their own backflows, but chances are you will receive calls to test these construction BF's. A letter explaining the program and the penalties was mailed to all owners, and is posted on our website

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/docs/const-bf-policy.pdf>

Please read the letter and call us if you have any questions.

Sometimes when I enter a test, the assembly info is incorrect. iBAK shows a Watts 909 1/2 in. when it is really a Watts 009QT 1 in. How do I correct it?



Simple! Just send us an email! Our email address is TW_backflow@tucsonaz.gov . Some of you are using this already, and we are sure you agree it is the greatest. Of course, you can always call us and we will be glad to make the changes.

RECLAIMED TESTING DELAYED

Due to a tight City budget, the plans to require yearly inspections for sites with reclaimed water service have been modified. Required inspections will range from annual site inspections for all **public** and **commercial sites** to once every 5 years for **residential sites**. Implementation of these inspection requirements will be phased in over several years. We will keep you informed and provide more information as it becomes available.



QUICK FIX.....NOT!!!!

Have you ever been called out to fix a leaking backflow and found the relief valve leaking from the weep hole? And have you solved the problem by sticking a pointed object into the weep hole to plug it up? The leak is stopped but this is hardly a desirable way to complete the repair, even if it's just a temporary fix. Instead you should purchase a rubber kit which would include the necessary parts to do the repair (relief valve diaphragm and o-rings). If waiting for parts will put the assembly in an over due status, simply contact the area Specialist to ask for a few more days to complete the job. In doing this your customer can avoid the **\$87.00 Four Day Notice** fee. This is the correct way to bring the backflow into compliance. And your customers will appreciate the professionalism!