



City of Columbia Heights Backflow Preventer Requirements

1. Backflow preventers are regulated by Minnesota Plumbing Code Section 4714.0603.
2. The installation, removal or replacement of any backflow prevention device requires a permit. The following information must be provided to the City of Columbia Heights Inspections Department when installing, removing or replacing a backflow preventer.
 - a. Manufacturer
 - b. Size
 - c. Model Number
 - d. Serial Number
 - e. Name and License of Installer/Tester
 - f. Date
3. Testable backflow prevention devices shall be tested annually. More frequent testing may be required. Individuals testing/maintaining backflow prevention assemblies must be certified in addition to being licensed or registered by the DLI.

A resident homeowner may install a backflow preventer, but must have the required annual testing done by an ASSE certified tester (this includes the test required after initial installation).

4. During a test, if it is determined an overhaul of the device is needed; the overhaul must be performed by a state licensed plumber. A plumbing permit is not required for the annual testing or an overhaul of a backflow preventer.
5. Results must be submitted to the City of Columbia Heights Inspections Department for the testing and/or overhauling of all testable backflow prevention devices. Please mail backflow test/maintenance reports to: City of Columbia Heights, Attn: Building Inspections, 590 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights MN 55421.