



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

LETTER TO ALL CUSTOMERS WITH IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

If you already have or are planning on installing an irrigation system, you must first comply with State of Oregon and City of Bend regulations. These rules and regulations require that all irrigation systems have approved backflow protection. A plumbing permit is also required when installing an irrigation system. A plumbing permit can be obtained from the Permit Center located at City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street.

Without proper backflow protection, your irrigation system could endanger the health of your family, neighbors, and others in the community who are using City of Bend's public water system.

The following state-approved backflow assemblies are required to be installed per City of Bend Standards and Specifications, and must be tested by a State of Oregon DHS Certified Backflow Assembly Tester upon installation, if moved or repaired and at least annually thereafter (Oregon Administrative Rules, 333-061-0070):

1. Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assemblies (PVBA)
2. Double Check Valve Assemblies (DCVA)
3. Reduced Pressure Backflow Assemblies (RPBA)

Improper installations of a State of Oregon approved backflow assembly, or failure to have the backflow assembly tested as required are grounds for termination of the water service.

If you have any questions concerning backflow assembly installations, State of Oregon DHS certified testers, or approved backflow assemblies; please contact the City of Bend Safe Drinking Water Program at (541) 317-3000 ext. 2 or email to dbuhmann@bendoregon.gov.

Sincerely,
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Safe Drinking Water Program

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