



Tucson Water Backflow News

GOOD LUCK, ROBIN

Robin Williams, our Office Supervisor, has accepted an assignment with the Department's Maintenance Management Program. Alfred, John, Karen, and the inspectors are all available to assist you.

USE THE CORRECT REPORT FORM

Beginning January 1, 2005, all test reports must be submitted on the preprinted forms or the new blank three part test forms. These forms are in the portrait style. Old versions of the test form will no longer be accepted per Sec. 27-80 of the Tucson Code.

A copy of the test from you must use is attached. Please call the Office if you would like us to email you the file for the form.

And don't forget to complete the space provided for the name and phone number of the person authorizing the test.

REPLACING PVB's

Before you replace a PVB, contact your Zone inspector to determine whether the assembly needs to be upgraded based on the level of protection needed for the property.

WINTER IS HERE

Now is the time to help customers plan for the winter freeze. Please encourage your customers to weather-proof their assemblies to avoid freeze damage.

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

- 2,761 compliance letters were mailed
- 1,081 test forms were entered into the database
- 79 Four Day Notices were issued
- 3 services were discontinued

DON'T TEST TOO EARLY

The Backflow Prevention Ordinance (Sec. 27-80 i.) does not allow compliance testing to be done more than 45 days prior to the annual compliance date.

If an assembly is tested more than 45 days prior to the compliance date, the test will be entered into the Tucson Water database, but will not be considered a compliance test. The assembly will be required to be tested again within the compliance window or the financially responsible party of the assembly may request, in writing, a change of compliance date to one that will allow the test to be considered as the annual compliance test.

ASK THE INSPECTORS

We have had several situations recently in which testers/contractors have installed the wrong type of backflow prevention assembly. Each time the error was discovered during the final inspection.

Before you install an assembly, check with an inspector to verify the required assembly type.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

In order to make data entry as fast and accurate as possible, we need you to use our log-in form (available at http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/water/customer_svcs/backflow/tester_info/tester_info.htm). Please remember to fill in all of the spaces on the form, including the company name.

Be sure to verify the meter number and the assembly serial number prior to submitting test reports.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!