



Submitting the Plan and Device Installation

To install a backflow prevention device, you must hire a Professional Engineer (PE) or Registered Architect (RA) to prepare a backflow prevention plan for your property. The PE or RA will send the plan(s) to DEP for approval. If the plans are approved, DEP will notify you via mail. You will then need to hire a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP) to install the backflow prevention device.

Initial Device Testing

After the LMP installs the device, you are required to have a New York State certified tester test it to ensure it was installed properly. For a list of certified testers, visit [NY State Department of Health Certified Backflow Testers](#). It may be the case that your LMP is also a certified tester.

For the initial testing of a newly installed device, the test form should be filled out by a certified tester and signed by an LMP and the RA or PE who submitted the initial backflow prevention plan. The signed test report should be submitted to DEP within 30 days of the installation of the device.

Annual Device Testing

Once installation and initial testing are finalized, you are then required to have your backflow prevention device tested every 12 months by a certified tester. You will receive a notification letter in the mail when your backflow prevention device is due for its annual test. Failure to perform this annual test could result in fines or the disconnection of your water service. For the annual test, the test form needs to be filled out by the certified tester and signed by an LMP.