

LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I am not going to turn the system on and use it?

An annual test of the backflow device on your lawn irrigation system is a requirement of both the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County Ordinance. This requirement applies whether system is being used or not to ensure the device is functioning properly; a certified tester must test it at least annually. Otherwise the device will need to be removed by a licensed plumber and the water line capped off.

What if I can't get the annual test scheduled before the due date?

The annual test is required to be completed every year, within 30 days of the device's yearly test date. If you cannot get your device tested within that time frame, it needs to be tested as soon as possible thereafter. Your account will not go "delinquent" until 90 days after the due date on the letter. It is not necessary to contact St. Louis County with your scheduled test date. Annual testing and the submission of your test report, by the contractor, needs to be completed prior to your account going "delinquent".

What if I want to disconnect and remove the device?

A licensed plumber with St. Louis County is required to pull a permit, remove the backflow device, and cap the water line. Once this is completed the plumber needs to contact St. Louis County for final inspection of the removal. The plumbing contractor will need to provide the backflow department with removal information and your account will then be closed. We will also accept a copy of your invoice from the contractor with the permit number.

How do I select a contractor to test my backflow device?

See reverse side for instructions on how to obtain a list of licensed plumbers.