



Almont Village

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Irrigation Systems & Backflow Prevention

Guarding Against Contamination


Sprinkler systems can make watering lawns and gardens easier and save you time. But they can also be fairly complex, and deciding which items are best to install can be confusing. One component that must be included with an irrigation system is a backflow prevention device. To help you decide which type of backflow prevention assembly might be best for you, please consult with a licensed plumber.

What is Backflow?

Backflow refers to a reversal in the normal direction of water flow. If this occurs, contaminated water can be drawn back into household plumbing or the public drinking water supply. State health regulations identify situations where the potential for unsafe backflow exists, and require the use of devices designed to prevent backflow from occurring

Backflow Prevention Devices and Irrigation Systems:

Since water within irrigation pipes can contain microbes or garden chemicals, **backflow prevention devices are always required with irrigation systems**. Irrigation meters must be installed as “deduct” meters, please see information on backside of flyer.

1. Contact Construction Code Authority (810) 667-0420 to obtain a Plumbing Permit.
 2. Once a permit has been obtained, you must go into the Village Office and pay for the second meter and receive a template.
 3. Upon completion, call the Village Office to set up a time for the DPW to come out and install the permanent meter.
 4. A backflow preventer must be installed to get plumbing approval and to receive the final meter.
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How to Install Sprinkler Meters

Sprinkler Meters need to be installed as “deduct” meters. If you are not sure how this needs to be installed. Please refer to the picture below.

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