



Department of Facilities POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT: FIRE SPRINKLER BACK FLOW

POLICY:

The Fire Sprinkler Back Flow will be tested and certified on a regular basis, as per Regulatory compliance and NFPA 25 Regulations.

PURPOSE:

To ensure the reliable operation of the Fire Suppression System.

PROCEDURE:

All pressure vacuum breakers and reduced pressure type backflow devices are tested in compliance with all regulatory requirements. Only currently licensed backflow testers are to test these devices.

All atmospheric type vacuum breakers are checked as part of fixture maintenance. All backflow testers are recertified every two (2) years.

Properly licensed Facilities staff shall perform the testing, or obtain a Purchase Order (P.O.) number through Supply Chain Operations. After obtaining the P.O #, contact the vendor and schedule testing.

If any device should fail testing, immediately make the necessary repairs and retest. After all testing is completed, fill out the required paperwork and submit to the proper agency.

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