



B. Permits shall be renewed every **five (5)** years and are non-transferable. Permits are subject to revocation and become immediately revoked if the Owner should so change the type of cross-connection or degree of hazard associated with the service.

C. A permit is not required when fixture isolation is achieved with the utilization of a non-testable backflow preventer.

IX. Existing In-use Backflow Prevention Devices.

Any existing backflow preventer shall be allowed by the Department to continue in service unless the degree of hazard is such as to supersede the effectiveness of the present backflow preventer, or result in an unreasonable risk to the public health. Where the degree of hazard has increased, as in the case of a residential installation converting to a business establishment, any existing backflow preventer must be upgraded to a reduced pressure principle device, or a reduced pressure principle device must be installed in the event that no backflow device was present.

X. Periodic Testing

A. Reduced pressure principle backflow devices shall be tested and inspected following installation, or repair or relocation, and at least annually thereafter. All testing shall conform with AWWA Manual 14 and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cross-Connection Manual.

B. All testing shall be performed by a certified backflow tester. This testing will be done at the Owner's expense.

C. Any backflow preventer which fails during a periodic test will be repaired or replaced by a licensed plumber. When repairs are necessary, upon completion of the repair, the device will be re-tested at owner's expense to ensure correct operation. High hazard situations will not be allowed to continue unprotected if the backflow preventer fails the test and cannot be repaired immediately. In other situations, a compliance date of not more than thirty (30) days after the test date will be established. The Owner is responsible for spare parts, repair tools, or a replacement device. Parallel installation of two (2) devices is an effective means for the Owner to ensure that uninterrupted water service is maintained during testing or repair of devices and is strongly recommended when the Owner desires such continuity.