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Section 608

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Plumbing Section 608 to require the annual testing of backflow prevention devices?

Answer

No. The annual testing of backflow prevention assemblies is not within the purview of Florida Building Code - Plumbing Section 608. Testing requirements for backflow prevention assemblies can be found in Florida Building Code - Plumbing Section 312.9.2, which requires testing of the assembly at the time of installation and immediately after repairs or relocation.

Commentary:

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62 adopts AWWA Manual M-14 which requires the annual testing of backflow prevention assemblies. Additionally, many jurisdictions have adopted local ordinances that require annual testing of backflow prevention assemblies and annual testing may also be required by the water purveyor as part of their cross connection control program.

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