

BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES



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What is it & what are your requirements?

As per the DOB and DEP, all apartment buildings, medical and dental offices, and other facilities that have laundry machines, AC cooling towers with anti-freeze, boiler with rust inhibitors or other water treatment chemicals, and/or two or more service lines from city water mains must install a backflow prevention device.

In addition, owners of these buildings must



Hire a registered architect or licensed engineer to prepare plans for install of device



Submit plans to the DEP for approval



Hire a master plumber to apply to the DOB for a permit for the device



Inspect and test the device when first installed as well as annually



Submit Report on Test and Maintenance of Backflow Prevention Device (GEN215B) to DEP

Note

Testing must be completed by a state-certified backflow prevention device testers who is employed by a licensed plumber

How can the Jaffa team help me avoid this violation?

As with all violations, if you have received a violation for not having the proper Backflow prevention device, the Jaffa team can help you resolve this violation and negotiate your penalty or fine.

Penalties

Who

DEP

How much?

Between \$35 - \$1000

Are there any other risks?

If a backflow into the city water main occurs, DEP can cut off water to the building and may issue a Cease and Desist to stop water services entirely.

Form Required

GEN236
GEN215B



Installation of this device are eligible for **major capital improvement (MCI)** rent increases.

Fees

Application for approval (GEN236) \$350 per service connection

information included above is an overview & may not have all necessary information. For any help in staying compliant with any NYC code, please give us a call.