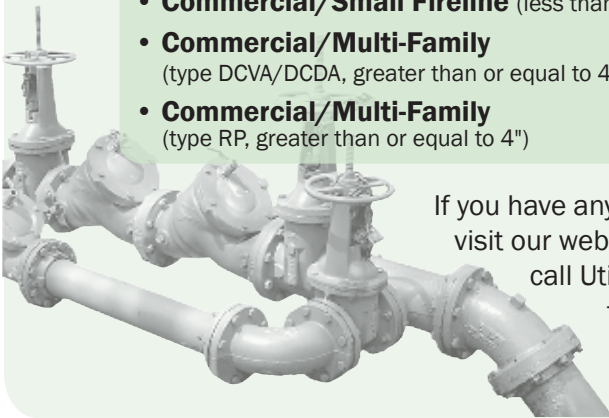


Backflow Prevention Assembly Charge

The Board of County Commissioners approved a charge for the testing and maintenance of backflow prevention assemblies that will become **effective Feb. 1, 2011**. Backflow prevention assemblies are required by the Florida Administrative Code and by local ordinance. These devices are required to protect the public health and safety of the drinking water supply. Pinellas County Utilities was required to install backflow prevention assemblies on properties that have reclaimed water availability, commercial properties, and for customers who participated in the Alternate Water Sources Rebate Program. Backflow prevention assemblies are also installed on firelines at designated properties.

Customers will be charged bimonthly on their utility bill in accordance with the size, type and number of backflow prevention assemblies installed on the property. The following are the Board approved charges for backflow prevention assemblies:

- **Residential** (less than or equal to 1") **\$1.62** bimonthly
- **Commercial/Small Fireline** (less than or equal to 2") **\$4.81** bimonthly
- **Commercial/Multi-Family** (type DCVA/DCDA, greater than or equal to 4") **\$10.45** bimonthly
- **Commercial/Multi-Family** (type RP, greater than or equal to 4") **\$17.21** bimonthly



If you have any questions or comments about this fee, visit our website at www.pinellascounty.org/utilities or call Utilities Customer Service at **(727) 464-4000** for more information.



Don't Trash the Holidays!

Holiday boxes, gift wrap, packaging and party goods add truckloads of extra garbage to the landfill. Start your own "reduce, reuse, and recycle" holiday traditions, and **trim your waste**.

- ♻️ Reuse shopping bags, boxes, bows and gift bags.
- ♻️ Plant, recycle or reuse your holiday tree.
- ♻️ Entertain with reusable dishes, silverware and cloth napkins instead of disposable utensils, Styrofoam and paper products.
- ♻️ Give low-waste or no-waste gifts such as lunch coupons or movie tickets.
- ♻️ Create gift tags from old holiday cards.

For more waste-trimming tips, visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/holidays.