



INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION



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Specific to the Burlington City Code of Ordinances – Chapter 8 and current adopted Vermont Fire and Building Safety Codes and Standards

CODE COMPLIANCE INFORMATION SHEET

BACK WATER VALVES

City of Burlington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 25; Section 25-41(b)
(ORD. of 10-24-88; ORD of 9-26-94)

LOCATION

“Location in sleeping or eating rooms and basements restricted. No water closet shall be located in any sleeping room or any room used for preparing food. No plumbing fixtures shall be located in a cellar, basement, or any location that will be subject to backflow from the public sewer without proper backflow protection and approval from the City Plumbing Inspector.”

SEWAGE BACKFLOW SPECIFIC

“Where flood rims of plumbing fixtures are below the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer, such fixtures shall be protected by a backwater valve installed in the building drain, branch of the building drain or horizontal branch serving such fixture. Plumbing fixtures having a flood level rim above the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer shall not discharge through a back water valve.”

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Permits shall be secured through the Department of Public Works Inspection Services Division. Please contact the City Plumbing Inspector directly with questions and requirements on meeting compliance. All permits secured must be closed through the approval of the City Plumbing Inspector.