

## BOUNDARY BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES

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Under the Health Act 1956 commercial properties may be required to have a Boundary Backflow Prevention Device (BBPD) fitted and maintained.

Every industrial and commercial property built since 2006 in Manukau has had one of these devices fitted as a matter of course.

Prior to that date, large manufacturing businesses also had BBPDs fitted as a matter of course.

Buildings erected prior to 2006 may be required to have one fitted if the property is used for an activity deemed under the Health Act 1956 to be high or medium risk. Typical activities include: chemical use/manufacture; meat processing; medical and dental practices and morgues. (A full list of business activities and their ANZSIC categories will be available shortly.)

A survey undertaken for Manukau Water indicated that there are around 1000 such businesses in East Tamaki and Manukau Water is progressively contacting the property owner of each of these business premises to arrange a visit to survey the property and evaluate the risk.

The cost for the survey is \$144 incl. gst and, if the property use is deemed not to be of high or medium risk, there is no charge to the owner. If it is deemed to be of risk, the property owner is charged the cost of the survey.

At the same time as the result of the survey is notified, Manukau Water also notifies the requirement to fit a BBPD within 20 working days and provides a costing for undertaking the work. Should the owner prefer to have the work undertaken (in the same time frame) by their own plumber, working drawings and specifications are provided for their use.

Once the device is fitted it is checked annually by an Independently Qualified Person (IQP) as part of the Building Warrant of Fitness inspection.