

12 July, 2016

TO: All suppliers and installers of backflow prevention assemblies in the greater San Jose Area

RE: Change of policy regarding leaded backflow prevention assemblies

San Jose Water Company will no longer give approval to any new or replacement leaded assemblies effective September 1, 2016. Note that lead free devices are already required by state regulation for all new installations where human consumption is intended. This clause has previously been interpreted to exclude landscape services. Landscape services will no longer be excluded from this prohibition, and leaded backflow prevention assemblies for landscape services will not be permitted for installation after September 1, 2016.

Please direct any questions regarding this issue to Adam Feffer at Adam.Feffer@sjwater.com or 408-918-7254.



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