Residential

• All underground lawn sprinkler systems are required to have a back flow prevention assembly installed on the sprinkler system.
• Residential water services (one or two family dwellings) do not require a back flow prevention assembly installed at the water meter.
• Initial test of the back flow prevention assembly (required after installation and prior to using the sprinkler system) is the responsibility of the property owner.
• The required annual test of the back flow prevention assembly (after initial test) on residential lawn sprinkler systems will be done by the City at no extra charge to the property owner. Tests will be conducted automatically every spring/summer. Owner does not need to arrange for the test.
• Installation of a lawn sprinkler system for new construction or existing properties requires a plumbing permit issued by the City of Redmond Community Development Department. The permit fee includes a plumbing inspection to ensure that installation standards have been met and the initial test of the back flow prevention assembly was performed.

Non-Residential

• All non-residential water services (including residential larger than a duplex) must have a back flow prevention assembly installed at the water meter (minimum Double Check Valve Assembly).
• All testing of back flow prevention assemblies installed on non-residential water services are the responsibility of the property owner.
• All water services larger than 1” must have a back flow prevention assembly installed at the water meter (minimum Double Check Valve Assembly). Testing is the responsibility of the property owner.
• A back flow prevention assembly (minimum Double Check Valve Assembly) is required on all stand alone fire suppression systems. Testing is the responsibility of the property owner.

Leaks in your plumbing system waste water and cost you money.

An 1/8” hole can waste over 95,000 gallons per month increasing your water bill by over $157 per month!

The majority of leaks in residential plumbing systems are found at the toilet tank.

TIP: Locate your master water supply valve and label it. The master supply-valve can be turned off easily in case of a major leak or broken pipe.
**Other common leaks:**
- Leaking pipes or fittings in the house
- Line between the meter and the house
- Dripping faucets in bathrooms or sinks
- Outside faucet open or dripping
- Lawn irrigation valves and lines
- Hose in yard turned on or leaking
- Ornamental fountains, fish ponds
- Relief valve or fittings on water heater

**LEAKS**
The City’s responsibility ends at the customer’s side of the water meter. The customer is responsible from the meter to the house, including plumbing inside of the house.

It is the customer’s responsibility to keep the meter box accessible from landscaping, fences or any obstruction which can prevent meter reading or emergency action.

Some leaks are easy to fix. Others may require a plumber.

We monitor for abnormal increases in water usage and, as a courtesy, may send you a letter to alert you of a possible leak. If you discover that you have a leak, you may qualify for an adjustment to your bill. For details, please contact:

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360.834.2462

*Water is a precious and limited resource. Let’s use it wisely!*