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It has come to the attention of the Idaho Plumbing Board and Division of Building Safety (Division) that some water purveyors are still allowing double check backflow assemblies (DCBAs) to be installed for use in lawn sprinkler systems. This letter is to remind water purveyors about the change to Idaho law regarding DBCAs that was adopted by the 2018 Idaho Legislature.

Effective March 28, 2018, the Cross Connection Control Manual, published by the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association, was removed from IDAPA 07.02.04.012.

The Cross Connection Control Manual authorized the use of DBCAs in lawn sprinkler systems in Idaho. **With the removal of the Cross Connection Control Manual from IDAPA 07.02.04.012, the use of DBCAs in lawn sprinkler systems is no longer authorized in Idaho.**

All backflow requirements in Idaho will be enforced according to the 2017 Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC), based on the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code. A list of approved devices can be found in the 2017 ISPC, chapter 6, section 603.5.6. A copy of the 2017 ISPC can be found on the Division's website at <https://dbs.idaho.gov/programs/plumbing/>.

Any DCBAs installed in Idaho prior to March 28, 2018, will *not* need to be removed unless they can no longer be repaired and must be replaced.

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