

Ariel Services, Inc. Addresses Failed Annual Backflow Device Tests

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Ariel Services, Inc. is highlighting a problem Manhattan property owners and managers can face during annual backflow prevention testing: a device that fails its test and must be repaired before the building's results can be filed with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. The company is handling testing, repair, retesting, and filing as one continuous job for buildings throughout the borough.

Ariel Services, Inc. provides backflow prevention testing and maintenance for Manhattan's residential and mixed-use buildings, covering annual device testing, repair, new device installation, and GEN215B filings to the DEP. The company works with double check valve assemblies, reduced pressure zone valves, and pressure vacuum breakers. Backflow prevention devices keep water from a building's plumbing from flowing back into the city's water supply, which is why the DEP requires them to be tested every year.

The annual test is the point at which a problem with a device becomes visible. A device can fail because of worn internal parts or a valve that no longer seals as it should, and a failed device cannot be recorded as

passing until it has been repaired or replaced and tested again. Until that happens, the building's annual GEN215B filing cannot be completed.

For owners and property managers, a failed test turns a routine appointment into a longer process. When testing, repair, and filing are handled by different parties, the building can wait between each step while the filing remains open. The company keeps those steps together, so repair and retesting follow directly from the failed test and the filing to the DEP is submitted once the device passes.

"10-15% of backflow prevention devices fail inspection due to debris or worn-out gaskets and need to be fixed for public safety." said Ariel Mizrahi, owner of Ariel Services, Inc. and a Licensed Master Plumber.

The company also encourages owners to book the annual test well ahead of the filing due date. Scheduling early leaves room for a repair and a retest if a device fails, without pressing against the deadline. It also allows the visit to be grouped with other appointments in the same part of the borough, in line with the company's practice of keeping each mechanic in one area for the day.

The same approach applies whichever type of device a building has. A reduced pressure zone valve, a double check valve assembly, and a pressure vacuum breaker each have their own components and test procedures, and the company's team includes staff certified in backflow prevention testing. That combination allows the device to be diagnosed, repaired, and retested within the same engagement, and it keeps the test result, the repair, and the DEP filing together in one record for the building. For building owners who want the detail, the backflow testing page on the company's website describes each device type and how it is tested.

"The test itself is only one part of it," Ariel Mizrahi said. "The part owners remember is whether the filing got done and whether they had to think about it again. That is the part we try to make easy."

Ariel Services, Inc. was founded in 1999 and has operated as a licensed master plumbing company since 2006. Led by Ariel Mizrahi, New York City Licensed Master Plumber license number 2402, the company is a member of the Master Plumbers Council of the City of New York. Its team of more than 20 trained plumbing mechanics serves properties across Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island.

A failed backflow test is a routine part of maintaining these devices, and the time it adds depends largely on how the repair and filing are handled. For Manhattan buildings, treating testing, repair, retesting, and the DEP filing as a single sequence keeps the annual requirement on track. Further information about backflow prevention testing is available at the company website.
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