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RE: Update to Kennebec Water District's Metering and Backflow Prevention Procedures

Attention Plumbers and Plumbing Supply Vendors:

Starting in January 2022, the Kennebec Water District (KWD) will no longer provide or install backflow prevention devices or meter connection fittings.

While KWD will continue to provide and install all meters and meter reading equipment (excluding the wire connecting the meter and reading equipment), customers will be required to furnish and install backflow prevention devices and meter connection fittings. KWD anticipates private suppliers and contractors will provide the necessary materials and/or services to enable customers to make plumbing upgrades or complete new installations.

In September 2021, KWD's Board of Trustees approved revisions to KWD's Terms & Conditions of service including changes to its metering and backflow prevention procedures and installation requirements. These changes will take effect on January 3, 2022. The updated Terms & Conditions can be found at www.kennebecwater.org in the "My Account" menu.

To aid customers, contractors, and suppliers, KWD has created the attached detail drawings and specifications for meter installations. These documents can also be found at www.kennebecwater.org in the "Resources" menu.

Specific details of note include:

- All fittings must be certified to be lead free.
- Customers should consult with KWD to determine the appropriate meter size prior to installation of meter horns, setters, meter couplings and other components of the water service entrance.
- KWD provides 5/8" x 3/4", 3/4", and 1" meter sizes (no straight 5/8" meters) with threaded connections.
- KWD provides 1 1/2" and 2" meters with a two-bolt flange connection, unless otherwise noted or approved.
- KWD provides 3", 4" and 6" meters with a four-bolt flange connection, unless otherwise noted or approved.
- Dual-check backflow prevention devices must not contain a relief/testing port.

Please contact the KWD Engineering Department by calling KWD's main phone line at (207) 872-2763 if you have questions regarding these detail drawings and specifications.

Yours for safe drinking water,
Kennebec Water District