

Why You Should Install a Pressure Reducing Valve

FCLWD works hard to keep clean, pure water running throughout every corner of the District. But this means pumping water at high pressures that can potentially damage residential plumbing.

A pressure-reducing valve (PRV) installed on your residential service line right after your shutoff valve decreases this pressure to a level that's safe for your home's pipes and fixtures. They're already mandatory on any new builds in Colorado but many older houses may not have them.

To ensure your home is protected, the District recommends that customers install a PRV to insulate their pipes and plumbing fixtures from the effects of changing water pressure. PRVs are relatively inexpensive and they'll typically last for many years. Most importantly, they can prevent massive damage from flooding and burst pipes and save you thousands of dollars in the long run.

As the customer, you are responsible for all pipes and infrastructure past the curb stop or meter pit to your home. Installing a PRV is an easy and cost-effective way to protect your pipes and your home. We always recommend consulting a licensed plumber for any plumbing work.

