



## DC – COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Who can install my DC?** You or a contractor of your choice can install the DC as long as the following installation requirements are met. The DC must be approved by the utility. The DC must be installed in the approved direction/orientation. The DC must be located such that the device may be maintained and tested from floor level and such that the device will not be subject to flooding, excessive heat, or freezing. If any of these installation requirements are a problem for you, contact Marion Utilities. There is some variation allowed.

**Where can I get a DC?** The DC's are available at plumbing supply stores and on-line. To be certain the DC is an approved device, contact Marion Utilities.

**How much does a DC cost?** The cost varies by the size of the device, the smaller the device generally the lower the cost.

**When should I have my DC tested?** The DC should be tested at installation and every 12 months thereafter.

**Who can test my DC?** The DC must be tested by an inspector certified by the State of Indiana. Sometimes the person who installs your device may also be a certified tester, but doesn't have to be. If you don't know who to call, Marion Utilities maintains a list of companies who have submitted test results to Marion Utilities. This list is available on our website, but you do not have to use someone on the list. You may choose the tester of your choice. The cost for testing varies, call around!

**What should I expect during the test?** First, schedule the test to be conducted during a time when the water to your facility can be shut off for several minutes. The tester will test the 2 check valves with a special test kit. The DC must meet certain operating requirements. If the DC fails a test, a valve may need cleaned or replaced, or the entire device may need replaced. After completing the test, the tester may give you a test report. Technically, the tester has 30 days to get a copy of the test report to you and to Marion Utilities. Keep this report for your records.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 765-664-2391, extension 128, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.