



RP – COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can install my RP? You or a contractor of your choice can install the RP as long as the following installation requirements are met. The RP must be approved by the utility. The RP must be installed horizontally, at least 12 inches above the floor level, on the main line inside your facility, before any water use. No plug may be affixed to the pressure relief valve port. The RP must be installed at a location where any leakage from the relief valve port will be noticed. The RP 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 an RP? The RP's are available at plumbing supply stores and on-line. To be certain the RP is an approved device, contact Marion Utilities.

How much does an RP cost? The cost varies by the size of the device, the smaller the device generally the lower the cost.

When should I have my RP tested? The RP should be tested at installation and every 6 months thereafter.

Who can test my RP? The RP 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 upon request, 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 and the relief valve with a special test kit. The RP must meet certain operating requirements. If the RP 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.

What if my RP is leaking? If the RP leaks intermittently, the device is responding properly to changes in pressure fluctuation. If the RP leaks continuously, one of the valves has failed and must be cleaned or repaired.

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.