

Dear NC Licensed Irrigation Contractor:

As a recently licensed irrigation contractor in North Carolina, the Board would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the choice you have made in obtaining licensure in this State.

As with any new law, rule or regulation, it may take time for all parties involved with and/or affected by this new law to become familiar with the newly enacted law, rules and regulations.

The Board would like to remind you that the General Statutes Chapter 87, Article 2 Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors; 21(a) defines plumbing as follows: *The word "plumbing" is hereby defined to be the system of pipes, fixtures, apparatus and appurtenances, installed upon the premises, or in a building, to supply water thereto and to convey sewage or other waste there from.*

A NC licensed plumbing contractor or a NC licensed utility contractor must install the piping from the water source to the backflow prevention device including the backflow device. This installation requires permitting and inspection by an authorized building inspections department. All equipment and materials projecting from the outlet of the backflow device forward must be installed by a licensed irrigation contractor per NC GS 89G.

Any individual who is not appropriately licensed to install the backflow device and/or meter is taking the risk of losing his or her irrigation contracting license privilege based on the ethics statement that was signed and notarized as part of the initial application process. This is the case under all circumstances; including approval by the local municipality to perform these installations.