

Purple Tag Requirement



CITY OF TUCSON
WATER DEPARTMENT

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Dear Tucsonan,

Purple is the color that is used throughout the world to identify reclaimed water facilities. You've probably seen the purple reclaimed water signs at golf courses, parks and schools. Now that reclaimed water is being used in many areas of the country, irrigation pipe, control boxes, and valves are available with impregnated purple color. Beginning January 1, 2007, Tucson Water will require all new commercial and residential reclaimed water systems to use purple pipe and fixtures.

The information below provides additional details about the "purple" requirements. If you have questions, please contact the inspector for your area (see map on reverse side).

Private Reclaimed Water System Labeling Requirements
Effective July 1, 2006 for golf courses, parks, schools • Effective January 1, 2007 for residential and commercial

Existing Irrigation Systems /Replacement Components

1. Existing systems are not required to replace the irrigation system piping with impregnated purple pipe except when an existing irrigation system is expanded, repaired, or modified.
2. All existing reclaimed water irrigation system piping that is not identified and is exposed for any reason must be wrapped with purple identification tape or replaced with impregnated purple pipe.
3. Existing systems are not required to replace control boxes on irrigation systems; however, control boxes must be painted purple and identified with a reclaimed identification tag (available from Tucson Water).
4. All replacement control boxes must be made of impregnated purple material.
5. All existing and replacement control valves must be marked with a reclaimed identification tag (available from Tucson Water).

New Irrigation Systems

1. All new reclaimed water irrigation systems are required to use impregnated purple pipe.
2. All new control boxes must be made of impregnated purple material.
3. All new control valves must be marked with a reclaimed identification tag (available from Tucson Water).

Reclaimed water is an important part of the community's program to assure that we have a sustainable water supply for the future. Your support of the reclaimed water program is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tucson Water