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You might be getting a letter about a rebate!

Check your mail to see if your home qualifies for a rebate for the installation of a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV). The City of Burleson made water system upgrades to improve service to existing customers citywide. Your home may have been identified as possibly having a maximum water pressure above 80 psi after the system upgrades. A PRV is one way to regulate the water pressure.

A PRV reduces the water pressure from the City's main line and maintains a set pressure in your private service line. The PRV is installed in a box on the residence side (as opposed to street side) of the water meter. An expansion tank is also required and installed near your water heater. The PRV and expansion tank must be installed by a licensed plumber to receive the available rebate.

The City will not provide the PRV to customers, but the City will provide a rebate to qualifying customers who choose to have a PRV installed. When the associated plumbing permit is dated prior to Dec.1, 2013, a rebate of \$400 is available with an approved PRV rebate application. If you receive a letter from the City this week, you are eligible for that rebate. The PRV must be installed by a plumber registered in the City of Burleson.

This rebate program is for qualifying residents only. Tenant and commercial requests are not eligible. The home must have been built before 2000 in the Mountain Valley Pressure Plane or prior to 2007 in the Upper Pressure Plane, and, have a static water pressure of more than 80 psi. Residents can use an address search to find out if their home qualifies. Maps of qualifying locations are on the City website, www.burlesontx.com/prvrebate. Only PRVs that reduce pressure in the house, not the irrigation system exclusively, to 80 psi are eligible for the rebate.

Why do you want to reduce your water pressure? Over time, high water pressure may cause wear on residential plumbing and certain appliances (ice makers, washing machines, etc.). High pressure may also cause "banging" of water pipes and could increase the incidence of water leaks. High water pressure also increases water usage. By moderately reducing pressure, you may avoid these potential problems and save water.

For more information, call Kevin North, assistant director of public works, at 817-426-9830 or email knorth@burlesontx.com.