

# SAN DIEGO Public Utilities Department

## Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Rebate Program



Examples of typical residential pressure reducing valves

#### 1. Where do I get a pressure gauge/PRV?

Any plumbing or building supply store will carry these units.

#### 2. Can I replace/install a PRV myself?

Yes, valves maybe installed by property owners themselves or with the assistance of a plumbing professional.

#### 3. How do I know if my existing PRV has failed?

The most common signs that a PRV is beginning to fail are:

- Water pressure surges
- Noted increase in pressure at fixtures
- Flow rate of fixtures higher than flow rating for fixture
- Frequent leaks or dripping faucets (high water pressure can wear out valves and cause leaks)
- Sudden loss of water pressure (an adjustment may resolve this issue)
- Unexplained loss of water flow (an adjustment may resolve this issue)

### 4. Can my PRV be adjusted or repaired?

Yes, slight variations in water pressure can typically be addressed with a minor adjustment to the pressure regulating valve. The valve is normally located near a water line leading from your meter box. Be sure to check manufacturer's instructions before making adjustments. Helpful information and video instructions may also be found on You Tube; search on "Adjusting home PRV" or similar search terms. Another option is to contact a plumber to have your PRV adjusted or repaired. However, as the PRV ages, it is often hard or impossible to make adjustments. You should then have a new PRV installed.