## City of Irvine POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## METAL THEFTS BACKFLOW SYSTEMS

Copper and brass thefts are on the rise nationwide due to the increased value of metals at recycling centers. We encourage all businesses to consider enhancing security on their water backflow systems. The cost of additional security will be less than the replacement cost and loss of business continuity while repairs are made after the theft.

## **Prevention Tips:**

- Secure and lock the water backflow unit
- •Use disk locks rather than regular pad locks
- Use a cage with anti-theft enclosures
- •Paint the valves, as it decreases the valve's value
- •Record serial numbers and consider etching your company name on the pipe
- •Ensure the backflow area is well lit
- Aim your video camera at the backflow system
- •Please call (949) 724-7200 if you see anyone suspicious in the area
- Report crimes in progress immediately by calling 911





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