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Cost of Sprinkler Replacement

A compliant spray sprinkler body is estimated to cost \$4.68 more than a noncompliant spray sprinkler body.

Question as to where this difference of cost was found. Between a higher list price difference and the added time and labor associated with replacement, this cost difference should be higher.

List price comparison from various manufacturers shows this value to be higher, with a difference of closer to \$8.00 between a regular 6in spray body and a pressure regulated model. This differs from the \$4.68 described in Table A-10. Online sales numbers from non-authorized distributors are not representative of the cost to the consumer.

Only the material cost is provided for replacing sprinklers. There could be a considerable cost of installation in time and labor for someone replacing a 2in gravity retraction or pop-up sprinkler, especially if the previously installed piping outlet does not match the images shown in Figure 8-4. Many homeowners would have to hire a contractor to perform the work associated with the replacement of older heads.