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HOMEOWNER'S PLUMBING BULLETIN

HOW TO OBTAIN A PLUMBING PERMIT IN THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE



When Do you Have to Get a Plumbing Permit?

When installing new plumbing fixtures, relocating existing plumbing fixtures or installing or replacement water and/or sewer lines.

Why Do I Need a Permit?

It is required by the Code of Virginia/Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) to provide minimum standards for the protection of life, limb, health, property, environment and for the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public and the owners and occupants of residential dwellings and commercial buildings.

Who Can Get a Permit?

A homeowner may obtain a plumbing permit, but if you are hiring a contractor, they should get the permit. Whomever the permit is issued to is responsible for the work. A homeowner may obtain a plumbing permit Monday through Friday, only after speaking with the Plumbing Inspector, explaining what work is going to be performed and how it is to be done. Homeowners should have a working knowledge of plumbing installations to qualify for a permit.

Can you get the permit for the contractor?

If a contractor asks a homeowner to get a permit, more than likely the company does not have the proper licenses; otherwise the contractor would obtain the permit.

What do you need to obtain a permit?

A rough sketch of the location of the plumbing fixtures, the number and type to be installed and size of pipe being used. This is a minimum requirement and additional information may be required. Water and/or sewer lines also require certain information.

Do you need any other approvals?

Approval from the Health Department may be necessary if the property has a septic tank and/or well. Public Utilities' approval may also be required.

Why do you need an inspection?

To ensure the work complies to codes and ordinances and that it is safe to life and property.

Why do you have to have a permit number when you request an inspection?

The files in the office are established by permit numbers. However, the address can be used to obtain the permit number by cross-referencing.

How do I know if the job passed inspection?

The inspector will leave an inspection card at the site that will indicate approval or rejection.

**WATER CONSERVATION FIXTURES THAT SHALL BE USED
ARE LISTED IN THE TABLE BELOW.**

PLUMBING FIXTURE OR FIXTURE FITTING	MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OR QUANTITY
Water Closet	1.6 gallon per flushing cycle
Urinal	1.0 gallon per flushing cycle
Shower Head	2.5 gallon per minute at 80 psi
Lavatory Nonpublic	2.5 gallon per minute at 60 psi
Lavatory Public	0.5 gallon per metering cycle
Lavatory Public Metering Self-metering	0.25 gallon per metering cycle
Sink Faucet	2.5 gallon per minute at 60 psi

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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