

Planning & Development Services

Guidelines for Plumbing Permits

Use these guidelines to help determine whether your plumbing work requires a permit before starting.

In general

- If more than a single length of pipe and two fittings are required to complete the task, a plumbing permit is required.
- The plumber can call the mechanical inspectors directly, between 8 and 9 a.m. at 306-777-7292, if they need clarification. Permit counter staff can ask the Supervisor, Mechanical & Plumbing Inspections.

Examples of where a plumbing permit is required

- Installation of sanitary backwater valve
- Relocation of fixtures
- Replacing sanitary mains or branches
- Replacement of plumbing stacks
- Installation of a new sump pit and pump – a building permit is required

Examples of where a plumbing permit is not required

- Replacements of items below when in the same location:
 - P-traps on sinks
 - Valves and faucets
 - Plumbing fixtures
 - Repair of a pipe (one length of pipe and two fittings)
 - An existing sanitary sewer and water service to an existing house from the property line to just inside the house (old house with existing services)
- Insulation of waterlines
- Installation of water softeners
- Installation of underground sprinklers
- Repair of leaks
- Pipe for pipe repair up to one piece of pipe and two fittings
- Replacement of a furnace
- Cross-connection control device on the water supply

Required Information for plumbing/building permit

Name and contract information of eligible person

The plumbing system must be installed by a competent person who is recognized by the appropriate local authority as having one of the following:

- A Journeyperson Plumber Certificate of Qualification issued pursuant to Section 29 of *The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Regulations*.
- A Journeyperson certificate in the plumber trade issued by another province or territory of Canada.
- Employs one or more of the people mentioned above.

Commercial checklist

Engineer designed/stamped plans are required for all new mechanical systems within commercial, industrial and institutional buildings (and some residential if the lines are impacting more than one unit).

Stamped plans are not required for replacement of sanitary piping due to a leakage or blockage in the pipe.

Stamped plans may not be required for simple tenant fit ups. Have the Supervisor of Mechanical Inspections review prior to requiring stamped plans.

Residential checklist

Plans are not required or requested for residential, single-dwelling modifications only, as they are not reviewed. These are checked on site only for compliance.