

# DO I NEED A PLUMBING PERMIT?

## QUICK GUIDE

### I NEED TO REPLACE MY LEAKY FAUCET



The repair or replacement of a faucet, flush valve, supply tube, individual fixture stops, toilet fill valves, or flushing mechanisms that are in-kind to what you currently have do not require a plumbing permit.

### I AM FINISHING MY BASEMENT AND ADDING A BATHROOM



A plumbing permit is required before the installation of new plumbing systems, even if the homeowner is doing the work themselves.

### MY HOT WATER HEATER NEEDS REPLACING



A plumbing permit is required prior to the installation of a new water heater. Homeowners should also keep in mind that this household essential can be dangerous if installed incorrectly. Any small error in the installation of a gas water heater could cause a poisonous gas leak or explosion.

### HELP! I HAVE A PLUMBING EMERGENCY!



Plumbing permits must be obtained prior to any work EXCEPT in an emergency. However, a permit must be obtained the first business day following the emergency and work cannot be covered, backfilled, or concealed before an inspection is done by WEP's Plumbing Control Division.

**Any commercial, industrial, institutional, or multiple-family house needs plumbing plan approval and permits issued by WEP's Plumbing Control Division prior to work starting.**

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