

Local Oregon Jurisdictions

	Permits	Planning
Banks.....	(503) 846-3470	(503) 324-5112
Beaverton	(503) 526-2403	(503) 526-2420
Canby	(503) 266-9404	(503) 266-7001
Clackamas County...	(503) 742-4400	(503) 742-4500
Cornelius	(503) 357-3011	(503) 357-3011
Durham.....	(503) 639-6851	(503) 639-6851
Estacada	(503) 630-8274	(503) 353-4500
Fairview	(503) 674-6206	(503) 674-6206
Forest Grove.....	(503) 992-3229	(503) 992-3229
Gaston	(503) 846-3470	(503) 985-3340
Gresham	(503) 618-2845	(503) 618-2760
Happy Valley	(503) 783-3800	(503) 783-3800
Hillsboro.....	(503) 681-6145	(503) 681-6153
King City.....	(503) 639-4082	(503) 639-4082
Lake Oswego.....	(503) 635-0390	(503) 635-0270
Milwaukie	(503) 786-7613	(503) 786-7630
Molalla	(503) 829-7526	(503) 829-7526
North Plains.....	(503) 846-3470	(503) 647-5555
Oregon City.....	(503) 722-3789	(503) 722-3789
Portland	(503) 823-7310	(503) 823-7526
Sandy.....	(503) 668-0880	(503) 668-8609
Sherwood	(503) 625-4226	(503) 625-4202
Tigard	(503) 718-2439	(503) 718-2421
Troutdale	(503) 665-5175	(503) 674-7256
Tualatin	(503) 691-3044	(503) 691-3026
Washington County.	(503) 846-3470	(503) 846-8761
West Linn.....	(503) 656-4211	(503) 656-4211
Wilsonville	(503) 682-4960	(503) 682-4960
Wood Village	(503) 667-6211	(503) 667-6211

Local Washington Jurisdictions

Battle Ground.....	(360) 834-8861	(360) 342-5000
Camas.....	(360) 817-1568	(360) 817-1568
Clark County.....	(360) 397-2375	(360) 397-2375
LaCenter.....	(360) 263-8662	(360) 263-8662
Ridgefield.....	(360) 887-3908	(360) 887-3908
Vancouver.....	(360) 487-7800	(360) 487-7800
Washougal.....	(360) 835-8501	(360) 835-8501
Woodland.....	(360) 225-7299	(360) 225-7299

State Offices

Oregon Building Codes	(800) 442-7457 or (503) 378-4133
Construction Contractors Board	(503) 378-4621
Washington Labor & Industries....	(800) 547-8367 or (360) 902-5800

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Do I need a plumbing permit?

One- and two-family dwellings



*Brought to you by your Building Departments in
Oregon and Washington:*

*Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah and Washington
Counties*

Safety first

For your safety, your family's safety, and the safety of future occupants — and to avoid expensive mistakes — **do not do plumbing work that is beyond your skill level.**

When do I need a permit for plumbing work?

A plumbing permit **is required** to do the following:

- replace water heaters, alter piping inside a wall or ceiling, or beneath a floor, and for plumbing in all new installations.
- emergency repair, alteration, or replacement of freeze-damaged or leaking concealed piping, if new piping exceeds 3 feet.
- remodel or add on to your one- or two-family dwelling when existing plumbing is to be relocated. This includes installation of building sewers, water service, and exterior rain drains.

A plumbing permit **is not required** in the following circumstances:

- when a property owner does “ordinary minor repairs” to plumbing systems on his or her own property, which means repair, replacement, or maintenance of existing accessible fixtures, parts, and appliances and their related water and drain attachments. **Do not alter an existing plumbing system without a permit.**
- when a property owner or licensed plumber performs emergency repairs to, or replacement of, freeze-damaged or leaking concealed piping, provided new piping doesn't exceed 3 feet in length.

This is provided as general information and may not be applicable to your local jurisdiction, please call the building department responsible for your area for specific information on permits and inspections or if you are unsure if you need a permit.

Where do I get a permit for plumbing work?

Permits are issued at the local building department responsible for your area. In most cases, you'll complete a form, pay a fee, and get your permit. If a plumbing contractor is doing the work, it is the contractor's responsibility to get the permit and ensure that required inspections are done. The plumbing permit will be issued in the name of the party performing the work.

- A plan or blueprint is usually not required for a one- or two-family dwelling permit.
- Fees are based on the size and complexity of the job. Some jurisdictions base fees on the number of fixtures to be installed or the number of feet of piping for water, sewer, or rain drains.
- A plumbing inspector or office staff member can discuss your project with you. If you have the necessary information for the proposed project, you can usually leave with your permit.
- Plumbing permit fees are paid when the permit is issued.

How do I get an inspection?

If you are having the work done by a plumbing contractor, the contractor is required to notify the inspecting jurisdiction when the work is ready to be inspected. If you are doing your own work, you can call the building department responsible for your area to request an inspection. If you have installed water piping, the work must be operational for inspection. Inspectors may require that drainage piping be plugged and filled with water for inspection.

When you call, you will be asked for the permit number, homeowner's name, project address, type of inspection needed, and the date on which inspection is desired. **Be prepared to furnish detailed directions to the job site.**

Unless all of the work is outside and accessible, an adult needs to be at the site to provide access for the inspector.

Planning to do plumbing work on your one- or two-family dwelling?

As the property owner of a one- or two-family dwelling, you can either hire a licensed plumbing contractor or do the plumbing work yourself without a license. A friend, neighbor, tenant, general contractor, or other person cannot legally do the plumbing work unless he or she is a licensed plumber working on behalf of a licensed plumbing contractor.

All materials (pipe, pipe fittings, fixtures, and other devices used in plumbing systems) must be listed and approved for their specific uses. This is especially important when installing materials that come into contact with drinking water.

If you hire a plumbing contractor, ask for his or her business registration, and ask for the license number of any journeyman plumber performing work. Plumbing contractors must also be registered in Oregon with the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, (503) 378-4621 and in Washington with the Washington Labor & Industries, (360) 902-5800.

Lawn sprinklers may be installed only by licensed landscape contractors. Permits are required to connect lawn sprinklers to your building's water supply.

If you have questions concerning your eligibility to work on a building, call your local jurisdiction.