



Plumbing Permit Information

The Plumbing Code

The State of Michigan, including the City of Portage, is governed by the 2021 State of Michigan Plumbing Code. Provisions for one and two family dwellings are included in the 2021 State of Michigan Residential Code.

Is a plumbing permit required?

Yes. A plumbing permit is required for the erection, installation, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal, conversion or replacement of any plumbing system regulated by the plumbing code. Work should not be started until a plumbing permit has been issued.

Plumbing permits are not required for the following:

- The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste, or vent pipes. However, if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste, or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the drain or pipe with new material, then the work is considered new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in the code.
- The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, if the repairs do not involve or required the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

Who can perform plumbing work?

To obtain plumbing permits, an applicant shall be an authorized licensed plumbing contractor in the State of Michigan; or a homeowner performing plumbing work in a single family home and accompanying outbuildings owned and occupied, or to be occupied, by the person performing the installation.

Plumbing Permit Application

The plumbing permit application can be printed for your use. Simply complete the application and bring or mail it (with the applicable fees) to the Department of Community Development for processing.