

Water Heater Replacement

- Homeowner plumbing permits can be obtained for primary residence only.
- All water heater replacements must be permitted and inspected through the Division of Plumbing.
- Replacement of an existing water heater must be installed to meet the current Kentucky Plumbing Code.
- Hot and cold water supply piping to the water heater is to be three-fourths inch I.D. size of a material approved by the Division of Plumbing.
- In residential dwellings, the shutoff valve shall be placed within 3 feet of the water heater and be placed on the accessible side of the water heater.
- A temperature and pressure relief device shall be installed on each water heater on the hot water side and piped within 2 inches of the floor, if a floor drain is available. If the water heater is installed in a location that does not have a floor drain, discharge from the relief device shall be piped to the outside of the building with an ell turned down and piped within 4 inches of the surface of the ground.
- The joint between ferrous piping and copper or copper-alloy piping shall be made with a dielectric fitting or other insulating fittings to prevent electrolysis.
- If your water service or water meter is installed with a dual check valve, water pressure regulator without a bypass or a single check valve you must install an expansion tank on your water heater.