



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES & INSPECTIONS

Construction Services Division  
Municipal Services Building - Concourse Level  
1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

**EZ PERMIT STANDARDS**

**BATHROOM AND KITCHEN ALTERATIONS**

For alterations limited to the Bathroom and Kitchen of  
an existing One Family Dwelling.

This document shall be submitted with the Plumbing  
Permit Application.

**EZ Plumbing Permit Standards: Bathroom and Kitchen Alterations**

Obtain a plumbing permit for bathroom and kitchen alterations meeting these requirements without the submission of plans or a separate building permit.

**Limitations & Conditions**

- This standard shall only apply to buildings used solely as a one-family dwelling. It shall not apply to two-family, multi-family, or mixed-used buildings.
- Work shall be limited to the alteration of an existing bathroom or kitchen. The creation or extension of a new bathroom or kitchen is not permitted under this permit.
- The work shall be performed by a Philadelphia licensed Plumbing Contractor.
- An existing building, existing means of egress and existing levels of protection shall not be altered such that the building becomes less safe than its existing condition.
- Structural alteration or repair is expressly PROHIBITED under this permit, with the exception of limited joist reinforcement described in this standard.
- If a property is on the Philadelphia Registry of Historic Places, work impacting the building exterior is not permitted under this permit.
- Separate permits are required for electrical and fire suppression work.
- If the plumbing permit application is filed electronically, the '**EZ Bathroom and Kitchen Remodel**' type of work must be selected.

**Work May Include**

- Installation of plumbing fixtures with new branch piping.
- Replacement of plumbing fixtures without piping.
- Installation/alteration of ductwork and extension/alteration of fuel gas piping.
- Removal, replacement or installation of interior, non-bearing wall partitions.
- Replacement of plaster or gypsum board on walls or ceilings.
- Replacement of subflooring.
- Reinforcement and/or leveling of existing sections of bathroom or kitchen floor that may be bowed, sagging or otherwise out of level.
- Replacement of doors and windows in existing openings on properties that are NOT on the Philadelphia Registry of Historic Places.

**Construction Requirements:**

All work shall comply with the Philadelphia Plumbing and Residential Codes and any specific requirements of this section.

**Plumbing**

- Every branch, horizontal soil pipe or waste pipe to which a group of two or more fixtures is to be connected shall have a vent of the same size as the branch.
- Where the center of a water closet outlet is not more than 48" in developed length from the center of 4" inch vented soil pipe on a vertical line, or through a wye or wye / 1/8" bend on a vented horizontal line, connection of small fixture wastes—not exceeding two that are 1.5" or less in diameter—to the side of an ideal bend (closet bend) above the center line without an additional vent.
- S-traps are prohibited except for direct replacement of an existing trap.
- Systems utilizing section P-919 shall not be permitted to incorporate any other methods of design contained in other sections of the Philadelphia Plumbing Code.
- Shut off valves are required on the fixture supply to each plumbing fixture other than bathtubs and showers.



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**Fixture Placement**

- Minimum fixture clearance must meet the requirements of Figures R307.1

**Water-Resistance**

- Bathtub and shower floors and walls above bathtubs with installed shower heads and in shower compartments shall be finished with a nonabsorbent surface to a height of not less than 6' above the floor.
- Water-resistant gypsum backer board complying with ASTM C630 shall be used in all areas subjected to repeated damp conditions and moisture accumulation, such as bathtub and shower compartments.

**Light and Ventilation**

- Kitchens must have a minimum glazed window area of 8% of the floor area with an openable area to the outdoors that is a minimum of 4% of the floor area, unless meeting an exception of R303.
- Bathrooms must have a minimum glazed window area of 3 sq. ft. (1/2 of which shall be openable to the outdoors), unless meeting an exception of R303.

**Flooring, Ceilings and Partitions**

- Gypsum wall board installed on a non-masonry exterior wall must be Type X with a minimum thickness of 5/8".
- Subflooring must be lumber sheathing with a minimum 5/8" thickness.
- Floor joists shall be sistered with a minimum of 2 x 6 nominal size lumber, glued and fastened with 3" coarse thread screws.
- Minimum ceiling height of 6'8" for bathrooms and 7' for kitchens must be maintained.

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To Be Completed by Registered Master Plumber:

**PLUMBING FIXTURES BEING INSTALLED**

TYPE	NUMBER
Kitchen Sink	
Lavatory	
Shower/Tub	
Water Closet	
Other (Include in Description of Work)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Master Plumber (RMP) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RMP Licenses No: \_\_\_\_\_

RMP Signature: \_\_\_\_\_