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WATER HEATER SAFETY

Attention Delaware County homeowners & property owners!

Did you know that all newly installed water heaters are required to have a plumbing permit and inspection from the Health District?

»» Why are permits and inspections necessary?

Water heaters that are installed improperly may:

- Result in structural water damage
- Malfunction
- Catch fire
- Release carbon monoxide into your home
- Cause serious injury or death

»» Who obtains the permit?

If a hardware store (Lowes, Home Depot, etc.) or a contractor is installing your water heater, make sure they obtain a plumbing permit. If you – the homeowner of a single-family residence – are installing the water heater yourself, you may obtain a permit. Contact the Plumbing Division at (740) 368-1720 or visit us at DelawareHealth.org/plumbing for more information.

»» How do I schedule an inspection after a permit has been obtained?

Just call one day prior by 4pm to schedule an inspection. **Please remember to have the permit and address.** You can check our website for an estimated time on the day of inspection. Cancellations must be received no later than one hour before posted time of inspection. An adult (18 years of age or older) must be present to allow access into the property.

»» About the inspection:

The plumbing inspector will inspect:

- The water heater appliance to see that it is compliant with the *Ohio Plumbing Code*
- The water pressure
- The safety devices on your water heater
- The hot water temperature



Contractors & homeowners should be checking safety devices on water heaters regularly and during tank replacements. The Health District recommends having a carbon dioxide detector on every floor of the home.

»» When a permit is not necessary:

The following work is exempt from requiring a permit if such repairs do not require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures:

- Repair work
- Maintenance procedures