

2019 Plumbing Inspection News

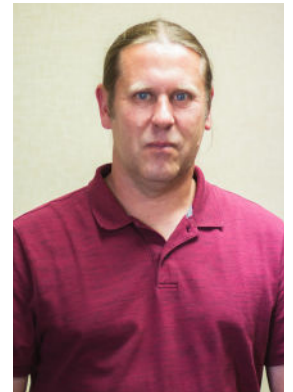


Welcome!

Please welcome our newest plumbing unit employees! Administrative assistant Jessica Nutter and plumbing inspector Kris Olszewski. Due to the growth of the county and not making plumbing contractors wait for extended times for inspections, we added another Plumbing Inspector position. Olszewski will be training with our inspectors for the next couple months.



Nutter



Olszewski

Applying for Permit

Skip the trip to the DGHD office and apply for residential plumbing permit at our website. Online plumbing permits are located at: <https://forms.delawarehealth.org/forms/plumbingpermit>. To be sure that your job falls into the jurisdiction of DGHD check the Delaware County Auditor website at <http://delaware-auditor-ohio.manatron.com/AddressSearch.aspx>

Approved Plans for Commercial Jobs

Part of the process of issuing a plumbing permit for all commercial jobs is submitting two copies of your blueprint with isometric drawings for review and approval. Once the plans are approved and the permit issued, the stamped approved drawings and permit must be posted at jobsite. During the inspection, plumbing inspectors will check for code compliance and also to see that the approved plan has been followed. Failure to have the approved plans posted on the job site at the time of inspection will result in notice of correction.



Calling for Inspections?

When calling for inspections, please remember to have the **permit number and address**

You can check our website for an estimated time on the day of the inspection. <https://delawarehealth.org/plumbing/>

Permit & Address Must Be Posted at the Jobsite

The number one reason for a notice of correction in the Health District's jurisdiction is the **failure to post building and plumbing permits at the jobsite.**

The Health District Plumbing Unit, Delaware County Code Compliance, City of Powell and Delaware City all require sign-off cards to be posted on site for all plumbing inspections. Be sure to post sign-off cards and plumbing permits in a conspicuous place to avoid re-inspection fees.



Addresses

Contractors, please remember to **post the property address.** In the past, inspectors have made great efforts to locate job sites, but due to increasing numbers of plumbing inspections, inspectors are not able to spend extra time searching for job sites without addresses. The Health District policy states that addresses are to be clearly posted at the job site before inspections are performed. Make sure your job has the address posted in plain sight the day of your inspection. **Please share this information with your builders! If we cannot find the jobsite, it will result in a reinspection fee.**

Union County Contract

The DGHD plumbing unit has been assisting Union County with plumbing inspections on a part-time basis for about a year now. Recently Union County plumbing inspector Vic Olszewski retired. DGHD will be handling all plumbing inspections in Union County until further notice. No changes to inspection procedures will occur. Check the DGHD website for an estimated time of your Union County inspection on the day of the inspection.

Jobsite Safety

Please have safe access to job site that meet OSHA requirements. Such as approved ladders, handrails, walk boards and gas power equipment not running inside a building. Job sites that are unsafe will not be inspected and a re-inspection fee will be charged.

Water Heater Replacement

If contracted to replace a water heater in Delaware County, a permit is required from both the Health District and the Delaware County Code Compliance. The Health District is currently working with Code Compliance for a one-stop permit for replacement. Delaware County registered plumbers are invaluable partners of the Health District in helping us protect the public. While the replacement of a water heater may seem too simple to require a permit, there can be significant health issues if it is installed incorrectly. For example, if water heater expansion tanks are not installed correctly, bacteria can readily grow causing disease in humans, such as Legionella. Also, if the hot water heater is not vented correctly there could be carbon monoxide leaks. Failure to obtain the proper permits may result in legal action from either our agency, Code Compliance or the homeowners. For your protection and your clients, always get the proper permits!

New Sunbury Office

We now have a location in Sunbury, which is conveniently offering Environmental and Personal Health services. Plumbing permits and plumbing plan approval will be available at this location. Sunbury office is located at 137 State Route 3 Sunbury, Ohio 43074 in the Kroger Shopping Plaza.



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