

2021 PLUMBING NEWS



ONLINE PLUMBING APPLICATIONS

The Delaware Public Health District (DPHD) is proud to offer online application processes for all residential, commercial and water heater replacement permits. To access our online application and get a faster turn around on your permits you can visit [DelawareHealth.org/plumbing](https://delawarehealth.org/plumbing).

Completing the application and making an online credit card payment is the quickest and most efficient way for your applications to be submitted. After submitting your application, it will go through an approval process where an email will be returned to the address provided with an invoice attached and a link for online payment



JOBSITE SAFETY

On occasion, DPHD plumbing inspectors experience situations at jobsites that put their personal safety at risk. The Health District has a clear policy regarding safety that prevents inspectors from taking unnecessary risks and follows OSHA regulations regarding construction sites. One of the most common safety risks is unsafe ladders. DPHD inspectors will not use ladders that are constructed at the job site, damaged ladders or ladders used improperly. To ensure that your inspection will be completed, eliminate safety risks on job sites before an inspection is requested.



WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT PERMITS

On Jan. 1, 2020, the DPHD and Delaware County Code Compliance began using a combined permit for water heaters replaced within Delaware County townships. The combined permit was put in place to ensure that all water heater replacements were getting the proper inspections. This process helps ensure Delaware County residents safety from home floods, fires, explosions, and carbon monoxide poisoning.



CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

DPHD requires all plumbing contractors who work in Delaware County to be registered. Registration is to be renewed at the beginning of each calendar year or when you are ready to pull your first Delaware County permit for the year. Anytime your company's liability insurance, surety bond or state plumbing license expires, or you change providers for any of these things, a current copy should be sent to DPHD. Failure to do so can cause delays in receiving permits. Registration forms can be found at [DelawareHealth.org/plumbing](https://delawarehealth.org/plumbing).



ADDRESSES CLEARLY POSTED

The Health District policy states, "addresses are to be clearly posted at job site before inspections are performed". Contractors should be sure when calling in an inspection that the address is posted clearly and visible from the road. In the past, plumbing inspectors have made great efforts to locate a correct job site. With an increase in the number of daily inspections, our inspectors are no longer able to spend extra time searching for a job site that does not have the address clearly posted.



POSTED BUILDING CARDS AND PLUMBING PERMITS

Since July 1, 2012, the Health District Plumbing Unit has required that the plumbing permit issued by DPHD and all sign-off cards for County Code Compliance, City of Powell and City of Delaware be posted on the job site for **all** plumbing inspections. The lack of permits and sign-off cards on job sites continues to be the number one reason for failed inspections in Delaware County. Please remind your builders to have all cards posted for all inspections.



HIGH WATER PRESSURE

Code section 604.8 of the Ohio plumbing Code states “where water pressure within a building exceeds 80 psi (552 kPa) static, an approved water pressure reducing valve conforming to ASSE 1003 or CSA B356 with strainer shall be installed to reduce the pressure in the building water distribution piping to not greater than 80 psi (552 kPa) static”. Most areas in the Delaware County have water pressure levels below 80 psi. However, there are areas where water pressures exceed 80 psi. All contractors should check water pressures and install pressure-reducing valves when required before scheduling a final inspection.

***DELAWARE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSING AT 12PM ON MAY 21, 2021***