

Plumbing Permit FAQs

Why do I need a permit?

- **Safety First** Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District has jurisdiction over stormwater, water and wastewater. Cross contamination (untreated water mixes with treated water) can occur as a result of improper connections to the District's water system and can subject residents to illness.
- **Permits protect** you, your family and your investment. They help ensure that licensed contractors do the work when required.
- **Inspections** ensure that work is done safely and meets minimum requirements.
- **Minor problems** that could lead to costly repairs, liability and life/safety issues can be detected during permit inspections and brought to your attention before a situation worsens.
- **When selling a property**, the buyer, realtor and/or lender may require that unpermitted work be corrected, properly permitted and inspected before closing.
- **Lack of permits** and inspection approvals may void homeowner's insurance.

Who can apply for a permit and how do I obtain one?

- **Licensed contractors** hired to complete work and are registered with the District can complete an application
- **Homeowners** that are doing the work themselves can obtain a permit from Customer Service. A friend, neighbor, tenant, general contractor or other person cannot legally do the plumbing work unless they are a licensed plumber working on behalf of a licensed plumbing contractor.

When do I need a permit?

When a **property owner** does "ordinary minor repairs" to plumbing systems on his or her own property which means repair, replacement, and/or maintenance of existing accessible fixtures, parts and appliances, and their related water and drain attachments:

- Home Addition/Remodel
 - For purposes of a permit with the District, a home addition or remodel consists of altering existing plumbing or adding new plumbing
- New building and construction
 - Permit is required if plumbing or gas is included in the new structure
- Water / gas line repair or replacement to any exterior or interior lines, valves or drains (common example: stove gas line)
- Install / replace water softener or water heater
- Irrigation Installation / Repair
 - Installation requires new system permit
 - Repair to existing irrigation requires water / gas line repair permit
 - Both permits require backflow device test form be completed and accepted by the District
- Install in ground pool
 - HOA (if applicable) approval required
 - Set of Plans must be provided showing pool location and any easements or setbacks on the property
 - Additional inspections required if pool connects to water service line or gas lines
 - Trail and Easement Access Permit required if using District property to access a work area for repairs, landscaping, or installation of any kind. Even if other permits are not required.

When is a permit not required?

- A permit is not required for repairs which involve only working parts of a faucet, valves or clearance of stoppages provided alterations are not made in existing piping
- If you are not sure if you need a permit, call Customer Service at 512.255.7871 option 1

What are the contractor requirements?

- Plumber must be licensed as required by state of local law as a Registered Master Plumber
- Plumber must be registered with the District
- For any new construction or add on Plumber must obtain Certificate of Compliance from Williamson County Engineering Division
- Plumber must post permit in window or on site at all times until job is complete.
- Plumber must ensure all inspections are called in and passed by the District. All fees at the end of the job will be assigned to the plumber. The Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until all fees are rendered

What are the homeowner requirements?

- Homeowner must ensure inspections are called in and passed by District (same as contractor requirements)
- Homeowner must post the permit in a window or on site at all times until job is complete
- Homeowner must pay all fees at end of job. Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until all fees are rendered (same as contractor requirements)

How do I schedule an inspection?

- Contact information for plumbing inspector assigned to job as well as other pertinent details can be found on the permit
- When necessary there must be an adult over the age 18 present to allow the inspector inside
- If work being performed is in backyard contractor or plumber may be required to be onsite during inspection