

Plumbing Permits

When is a Plumbing Permit Required?

A person, firm or corporation shall not erect, construct, enlarge, add to, alter, repair, replace, move, improve, remove, install, convert, demolish, equip, use, occupy or maintain a structure or building, service equipment or cause same to be done without first obtaining a permit from the Public Works Department.

How Do I Obtain a Permit?

Complete and submit an application to the Public Works Department. Licensed contractors must be registered with the City of Watauga. Homeowners may do the work themselves and no plumbing license is required.

Homeowner

- Apply for and secure a permit and pay the required fees
- Do work in accordance with the 2003 International Plumbing Code
- Request inspections
- Obtain final inspection from the Public Works Department

Contractor

- Must be a registered plumbing contractor with the City of Watauga
- Follow the steps above listed for the homeowner

Registration Requirements

To register with the City of Watauga, a current Master Plumber License, current driver's license, and a fee of \$50.00 are required. Registration expires on December 31st of that current year.

Where Do I Go to Obtain a Plumbing Permit?

Plumbing permits may be obtained at the Public Works Department in the Water Tower located at 7800 Virgil Anthony Sr. Boulevard. You can also download a printable permit application [here](#).

How Long Will it Take?

Normally, a plumbing permit is issued while you wait. However, the amount of time varies based on the complexity of the work, but generally you can expect same day service.

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	Permit Fee	Per
Inspections outside normal business hours (min. charge 2 hr.s)	\$60.00	per hour
Reinspection fees	\$55.00	per hour
Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (min. charge 1 hr.)	\$60.00	per hour
Initial Permit Issuance	\$45.00	Per Permit
Supplemental Permit	\$25.00	Each Additional Permit
Plumbing Fixture/Set of Fixtures on One Trap (including water, drainage piping, backflow protection)	\$10.00	Each
Building/Trailer Park Sewer	\$20.00	Each
Rainwater Systems (Inside Building)	\$10.00	Per Drain
Cesspool (where permitted)	\$25.00	Each
Private Sewage Disposal System	\$40.00	Each
Water Heater and/or Vent	\$10.00	Each
Gas piping System (up to five inlets/outlets)	\$10.00	Each (\$2.00 for each additional)
Medical Gas Piping Systems (up to five inlets/outlets)	\$16.00	Each (\$2.00 for each additional)
Waste Pretreatment Interceptor (including trap and vent)	\$15.00	Each
Installation, Alteration, or Repair of Water Piping and/or Water Treating Equipment	\$10.00	Each
Repair or Alteration of Drainage or Vent Piping	\$10.00	Each Fixture
Lawn Sprinkler System on any one meter (including backflow protection devices)	\$50.00	Each
Atmospheric-Type Vacuum Breaker (Not part of a Lawn Sprinkler System)	\$10.00	Each
Backflow Protective Device other than atmospheric-type vacuum breakers	\$10.00	2-inch diameter and smaller
	\$20.00	Over 2-inch diameter
Graywater System	\$40.00	Each
Initial Installation and testing for a reclaimed water system	\$30.00	Each
Annual Backflow Devices Testing (excluding initial testing)	\$30.00	Each