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# PREFACE

## Introduction

Internationally, code officials recognize the need for a modern, up-to-date plumbing code addressing the design and installation of plumbing systems through requirements emphasizing performance. The *International Plumbing Code*®, in this 2009 edition, is designed to meet these needs through model code regulations that safeguard the public health and safety in all communities, large and small.

This comprehensive plumbing code establishes minimum regulations for plumbing systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new plumbing designs. This 2009 edition is fully compatible with all the *International Codes*® (I-Codes®) published by the International Code Council (ICC)®, including the *International Building Code*®, *International Energy Conservation Code*®, *International Existing Building Code*®, *International Fire Code*®, *International Fuel Gas Code*®, *International Mechanical Code*®, *ICC Performance Code*®, *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*®, *International Property Maintenance Code*®, *International Residential Code*®, *International Wildland-Urban Interface Code*™ and *International Zoning Code*®.

The *International Plumbing Code* provisions provide many benefits, among which is the model code development process that offers an international forum for plumbing professionals to discuss performance and prescriptive code requirements. This forum provides an excellent arena to debate proposed revisions. This model code also encourages international consistency in the application of provisions.

## Development

The first edition of the *International Plumbing Code* (1995) was the culmination of an effort initiated in 1994 by a development committee appointed by the ICC and consisting of representatives of the three statutory members of the International Code Council at that time, including: Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) and Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI). The intent was to draft a comprehensive set of regulations for plumbing systems consistent with and inclusive of the scope of the existing model codes. Technical content of the latest model codes promulgated by BOCA, ICBO and SBCCI was utilized as the basis for the development. This 2009 edition presents the code as originally issued, with changes as reflected in the subsequent editions through 2006 and with changes approved through the ICC Code Development Process through 2008. A new edition such as this is promulgated every three years.

This code is founded on principles intended to establish provisions consistent with the scope of a plumbing code that adequately protects public health, safety and welfare; provisions that do not unnecessarily increase construction costs; provisions that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction; and provisions that do not give preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or methods of construction.

## Adoption

The *International Plumbing Code* is available for adoption and use by jurisdictions internationally. Its use within a governmental jurisdiction is intended to be accomplished through adoption by reference in accordance with proceedings establishing the jurisdiction's laws. At the time of adoption, jurisdictions should insert the appropriate information in provisions requiring specific local information, such as the name of the adopting jurisdiction. These locations are shown in bracketed words in small capital letters in the code and in the sample ordinance. The sample adoption ordinance on page ix addresses several key elements of a code adoption ordinance, including the information required for insertion into the code text.

## Maintenance

The *International Plumbing Code* is kept up to date through the review of proposed changes submitted by code enforcing officials, industry representatives, design professionals and other interested parties. Proposed changes are carefully considered through an open code development process in which all interested and affected parties may participate.

The contents of this work are subject to change both through the Code Development Cycles and the governmental body that enacts the code into law. For more information regarding the code development process, contact the Code and Standard Development Department of the International Code Council.

While the development procedure of the *International Plumbing Code* ensures the highest degree of care, ICC and ICC's members and those participating in the development of this code do not accept any liability resulting from compliance or noncompliance with the provisions, since ICC and its members do not have the power or authority to police or enforce compliance with the contents of this code. Only the governmental body that enacts the code into law has such authority.



## Letter Designations in Front of Section Numbers

In each code development cycle, proposed changes to the code are considered at the Code Development Hearings by the ICC Plumbing Code Development Committee, whose action constitutes a recommendation to the voting membership for final action on the proposed change. Proposed changes to a code section that has a number beginning with a letter in brackets are considered by a different code development committee. For example, proposed changes to code sections that have [B] in front of them (e.g. [B] 309.2) are considered by the ICC Building Code Development Committee at the code development hearings.

The content of sections in this code that begin with a letter designation are maintained by another code development committee in accordance with the following:

- [B] = International Building Code Development Committee;
- [E] = International Energy Conservation Code Development Committee;
- [F] = International Fire Code Development Committee; and
- [M] = International Mechanical Code Development Committee.

## Marginal and Text Markings

Solid vertical lines in the margins within the body of the code indicate a technical change from the requirements of the 2006 edition of the *International Plumbing Code*. Deletion indicators (➡) are provided in the margin where an entire section, paragraph, exception or table has been deleted or an item in a list of items or a table has been deleted. Underlining within the body of the code indicate a technical change to the 2012 North Carolina Plumbing Code from the requirements of the 2009 edition of the *International Plumbing Code*.

## Italicized Terms

Selected terms set forth in Chapter 2, Definitions, are italicized where they appear in code text. Such terms are not italicized where the definition set forth in Chapter 2 does not impart the intended meaning in the use of the term. The terms selected have definitions which the user should read carefully to facilitate better understanding of the code.

# Effective Use of the International Plumbing Code

The *International Plumbing Code* (IPC) is a model code that regulates the design and installation of plumbing systems including the plumbing fixtures in all types of buildings except for detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses that are not more than three stories above grade in height. The regulations for plumbing systems in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses are covered by Chapters 25 through 33 of the *International Residential Code* (IRC). The IPC addresses general plumbing regulations, fixture requirements, water heater installations and systems for water distribution, sanitary drainage, special wastes, venting, storm drainage and medical gases. The IPC does not address fuel gas piping systems as those systems are covered by the *International Fuel Gas Code* (IFGC). The IPC also does not regulate swimming pool piping systems, process piping systems, or utility-owned piping and systems. The purpose of the IPC is to establish the minimum acceptable level of safety to protect life and property from the potential dangers associated with supplying potable water to plumbing fixtures and outlets and the conveyance of bacteria-laden waste water from fixtures.

The IPC is primarily a specification-oriented (prescriptive) code with some performance-oriented text. For example, Section 405.1 is a performance statement but Chapter 6 contains the prescriptive requirements that will cause Section 405.1 to be satisfied.

Where a building contains plumbing fixtures, those fixtures requiring water must be provided with an adequate supply of water for proper operation. The number of required plumbing fixtures for a building is specified by this code and is based upon the anticipated maximum number of occupants for the building and the type of building occupancy. This code provides prescriptive criteria for sizing piping systems connected to those fixtures. Through the use of code-approved materials and the installation requirements specified in this code, plumbing systems will perform their intended function over the life of the building. In summary, the IPC sets forth the minimum requirements for providing safe water to a building as well as a safe manner in which liquid-borne wastes are carried away from a building.

## Arrangement and Format of the 2009 IPC

The format of the IPC allows each chapter to be devoted to a particular subject with the exception of Chapter 3 which contains general subject matters that are not extensive enough to warrant their own independent chapter. The IPC is divided into thirteen different parts:

Chapters	Subjects
1–2	Administration and Definitions
3	General Regulations
4	Fixtures, Faucets and Fixture Fittings
5	Water Heaters
6	Water Supply and Distribution
7	Sanitary Drainage
8	Special Wastes
9	Venting
10	Traps, Interceptors, and Separators
11	Storm Drainage
12	Special Piping (Medical Gas)
13	Referenced Standards
Appendices A–G	Appendices

The following is a chapter-by-chapter synopsis of the scope and intent of the provisions of the *International Plumbing Code*:

**Chapter 1 Administration.** This chapter contains provisions for the application, enforcement and administration of subsequent requirements of the code. In addition to establishing the scope of the code, Chapter 1 identifies which buildings and structures come under its purview. Chapter 1 is largely concerned with maintaining “due process of law” in enforcing the requirements contained in the body of this code. Only through careful observation of the administrative provisions can the building official reasonably expect to demonstrate that “equal protection under the law” has been provided.

**Chapter 2 Definitions.** Chapter 2 is the repository of the definitions of terms used in the body of the code. Codes are technical documents and every word, term and punctuation mark can impact the meaning of the code text and the intended results. The code often uses terms that have a unique meaning in the code and the code meaning can differ substantially from the ordinarily understood meaning of the term as used outside of the code.

The terms defined in Chapter 2 are deemed to be of prime importance in establishing the meaning and intent of the code text that uses the terms. The user of the code should be familiar with and consult this chapter because the definitions are essential to the correct interpretation of the code and because the user may not be aware that a term is defined.

Where understanding of a term's definition is especially key to or necessary for understanding of a particular code provision, the term is shown in *italics* wherever it appears in the code. This is true only for those terms that have a meaning that is unique to the code. In other words, the generally understood meaning of a term or phrase might not be sufficient or consistent with the meaning prescribed by the code; therefore, it is essential that the code-defined meaning be known.

Guidance regarding tense, gender and plurality of defined terms as well as guidance regarding terms not defined in this code is provided.

**Chapter 3 General Regulations.** The content of Chapter 3 is often referred to as “miscellaneous,” rather than general regulations. This is the only chapter in the code whose requirements do not interrelate. If a requirement cannot be located in another chapter, it should be located in this chapter. Chapter 3 contains safety requirements for the installation of plumbing and nonplumbing requirements for all types of fixtures. This chapter also has requirements for the identification of pipe, pipe fittings, traps, fixtures, materials and devices used in plumbing systems.

The safety requirements of this chapter provide protection for the building's structural members, as well as prevent undue stress and strain on pipes. The building's structural stability is protected by the regulations for cutting and notching of structural members. Additional protection for the building occupants includes requirements to maintain the plumbing in a safe and sanitary condition, as well as privacy for those occupants.

**Chapter 4 Fixtures, Faucets and Fixture Fittings.** This chapter regulates the minimum number of plumbing fixtures that must be provided for every type of building. This chapter also regulates the quality of fixtures and faucets by requiring those items to comply with nationally recognized standards. Because fixtures must be properly installed so that they are usable by the occupants of the building, this chapter contains the requirements for the installation of fixtures. Because the requirements for the number of plumbing fixtures affects the design of a building, Chapter 29 of the *International Building Code* (IBC) includes, verbatim, many of the requirements listed in Chapter 4 of this code.

**Chapter 5 Water Heaters.** Chapter 5 regulates the design, approval and installation of water heaters and related safety devices. The intent is to minimize the hazards associated with the installation and operation of water heaters. Although this code does not regulate the size of a water heater, it does regulate all other aspects of the water heater installation such as temperature and pressure relief valves, safety drip pans, installation and connections. Where a water heater also supplies water for space heating, this chapter regulates the maximum water temperature supplied to the water distribution system.

**Chapter 6 Water Supply and Distribution.** This chapter regulates the supply of potable water from both public and individual sources to every fixture and outlet so that it remains potable and uncontaminated. Chapter 6 also regulates the design of the water distribution system, which will allow fixtures to function properly and also help prevent backflow conditions. The unique requirements of the water supply for health care facilities are addressed separately. It is critical that the potable water supply system remain free of actual or potential sanitary hazards by providing protection against backflow.

**Chapter 7 Sanitary Drainage.** The purpose of Chapter 7 is to regulate the materials, design and installation of sanitary drainage piping systems as well as the connections made to the system. The intent is to design and install sanitary drainage systems that will function reliably, that are neither undersized nor oversized and that are constructed from materials, fittings and connections as prescribed herein. This chapter addresses the proper use of fittings for directing the flow into and within the sanitary drain piping system. Materials and provisions necessary for servicing the drainage system are also included in this chapter.

**Chapter 8 Indirect/Special Waste.** This chapter regulates drainage installations that require an indirect connection to the sanitary drainage system. Fixtures and plumbing appliances, such as those associated with food preparation or handling, health care facilities and potable liquids, must be protected from contamination that can result from connection to the drainage system. An indirect connection prevents sewage from backing up into a fixture or appliance, thus providing protection against potential health hazards. The chapter also regulates special wastes containing hazardous chemicals. Special waste must be treated to prevent any damage to the sanitary drainage piping and to protect the sewage treatment processes.

**Chapter 9 Vents.** Chapter 9 covers the requirements for vents and venting. Knowing why venting is required makes it easier to understand the intent of this chapter. Venting protects every trap against the loss of its seal. Provisions set forth in this chapter are geared toward limiting the pressure differentials in the drainage system to a maximum of 1 inch of water column (249 Pa) above or below atmospheric pressure (i.e., positive or negative pressures).

**Chapter 10 Traps, Interceptors and Separators.** This chapter contains design requirements and installation limitations for traps. Prohibited types of traps are specifically identified. Where fixtures do not frequently replenish the water in traps, a method is provided to ensure that the water seal of the trap will be maintained. Requirements for the design and location of various types of inter-



ceptors and separators are provided. Specific venting requirements are given for separators and interceptors as those requirements are not addressed in Chapter 9.

**Chapter 11 Storm Drainage.** Chapter 11 regulates the removal of storm water typically associated with rainfall. The proper installation of a storm drainage system reduces the possibility of structural collapse of a flat roof, prevents the leakage of water through the roof, prevents damage to the footings and foundation of the building and prevents flooding of the lower levels of the building.

**Chapter 12 Special Piping and Storage Systems.** This chapter contains the requirements for the design, installation, storage, handling and use of nonflammable medical gas systems, including inhalation anesthetic and vacuum piping systems, bulk oxygen storage systems and oxygen-fuel gas systems used for welding and cutting operations. The intent of these requirements is to minimize the potential fire and explosion hazards associated with the gases used in these systems.

**Chapter 13 Referenced Standards.** The code contains numerous references to standards that are used to regulate materials and methods of construction. Chapter 13 contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in the code. The standards are part of the code to the extent of the reference to the standard. Compliance with the referenced standard is necessary for compliance with this code. By providing specifically adopted standards, the construction and installation requirements necessary for compliance with the code can be readily determined. The basis for code compliance is, therefore, established and available on an equal basis to the code official, contractor, designer and owner.

Chapter 13 is organized in a manner that makes it easy to locate specific standards. It lists all of the referenced standards, alphabetically, by acronym of the promulgating agency of the standard. Each agency's standards are then listed in either alphabetical or numeric order based upon the standard identification. The list also contains the title of the standard; the edition (date) of the standard referenced; any addenda included as part of the ICC adoption; and the section or sections of this code that reference the standard.

**Appendix A Plumbing Permit Fee Schedule.** Appendix A provides a format for a fee schedule.

**Appendix B Rates of Rainfall for Various Cities.** Appendix B provides specific rainfall rates for major cities in the United States.

**Appendix C Gray Water Recycling Systems.** Appendix C offers a method for utilizing gray water that is collected from certain fixtures such as lavatories, bathtubs, showers and clothes washing machines. Because many geographical areas of the world are in short supply of water resources, water that has already passed through these fixtures is an important resource that can lessen the demand for potable water. Where gray water is used for underground irrigation, no treatment other than basic filtering is required. In this application, gray water reuse offers savings in both potable water use and waste water treatment. Gray water can also be reused for flushing water closets and urinals. In this application, the gray water requires disinfection and coloring in order to be safe for use in those fixtures. This appendix provides the user with basic information to choose the necessary components, size and construct a gray water system that suits the particular application.

**Appendix D Degree Day and Design Temperatures.** This appendix provides valuable temperature information for designers and installers of plumbing systems in areas where freezing temperatures might exist.

**Appendix E Sizing of Water Piping System.** Appendix E provides two recognized methods for sizing the water service and water distribution piping for any structure. The method under Section E103 provides friction loss diagrams which require the user to "plot" points and read values from the diagrams in order to perform the required calculations and necessary checks. This method is the most accurate of the two presented in this appendix. The method under Section E201 is known to be conservative; however, very few calculations are necessary in order to determine a pipe size that satisfies the flow requirements of any application.

**Appendix F Structural Safety.** Appendix F is provided so that the user does not have to refer to another code book for limitations for cutting, notching and boring of sawn lumber and cold-formed steel framing.

**Appendix G Vacuum Drainage System.** Appendix G offers basic information on how a vacuum drainage system relates the code, should a vacuum drainage system be used for a building.



# ORDINANCE

The *International Codes* are designed and promulgated to be adopted by reference by ordinance. Jurisdictions wishing to adopt the 2009 *International Plumbing Code* as an enforceable regulation governing plumbing systems should ensure that certain factual information is included in the adopting ordinance at the time adoption is being considered by the appropriate governmental body. The following sample adoption ordinance addresses several key elements of a code adoption ordinance, including the information required for insertion into the code text.

## SAMPLE ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance of the [JURISDICTION] adopting the 2009 edition of the *International Plumbing Code*, regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems in the [JURISDICTION]; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; repealing Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the [JURISDICTION] and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The [GOVERNING BODY] of the [JURISDICTION] does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the [TITLE OF JURISDICTION'S KEEPER OF RECORDS] of [NAME OF JURISDICTION], being marked and designated as the *International Plumbing Code*, 2009 edition, including Appendix Chapters [FILL IN THE APPENDIX CHAPTERS BEING ADOPTED], as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code of the [JURISDICTION], in the State of [STATE NAME] regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Plumbing Code on file in the office of the [JURISDICTION] are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

**Section 2.** The following sections are hereby revised:

Section 101.1. Insert: [NAME OF JURISDICTION]

Section 106.6.2. Insert: [APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE]

Section 106.6.3. Insert: [PERCENTAGES IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 108.4. Insert: [OFFENSE, DOLLAR AMOUNT, NUMBER OF DAYS]

Section 108.5. Insert: [DOLLAR AMOUNT IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 305.6.1. Insert: [NUMBER OF INCHES IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 904.1. Insert: [NUMBER OF INCHES]

**Section 3.** That Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ of [JURISDICTION] entitled [FILL IN HERE THE COMPLETE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE OR ORDINANCES IN EFFECT AT THE PRESENT TIME SO THAT THEY WILL BE REPEALED BY DEFINITE MENTION] and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The [GOVERNING BODY] hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 5.** That nothing in this ordinance or in the Plumbing Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

**Section 6.** That the [JURISDICTION'S KEEPER OF RECORDS] is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published. (An additional provision may be required to direct the number of times the ordinance is to be published and to specify that it is to be in a newspaper in general circulation. Posting may also be required.)

**Section 7.** That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect [TIME PERIOD] from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.



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## CHAPTER 1

# SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

### PART 1—SCOPE AND APPLICATION

#### SECTION 101 GENERAL

**101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the North Carolina Plumbing Code as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council on September 14, 2010, to be effective September 1, 2011. References to the International Codes shall mean the North Carolina Codes. The North Carolina amendments to the International Codes are underlined.

**101.2 Scope.** The provisions of this code shall apply to the erection, installation, alteration, repairs, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems within this jurisdiction. This code shall also regulate nonflammable medical gas, inhalation anesthetic, vacuum piping, nonmedical oxygen systems and sanitary and condensate vacuum collection systems. The installation of fuel gas distribution piping and equipment, fuel-gas-fired water heaters and water heater venting systems shall be regulated by the *International Fuel Gas Code*. Provisions in the appendices shall not apply unless specifically adopted.

**Exception:** Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.

**101.3 Intent.** The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation and maintenance or use of plumbing equipment and systems.

**101.4 Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

**101.5 Appendices.** Provisions in the appendices shall not apply unless specifically adopted or referenced in this code.

**101.6 Requirements of other State agencies, occupational licensing board or commissions.** The North Carolina State Building Codes do not include all additional requirements for buildings and structures that may be imposed by other State agencies, occupational licensing boards and commissions. It shall be the responsibility of a permit holder, design professional, contractor or occupational license holder to determine whether any additional requirements exist.

#### SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY

**102.1 General.** Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern. Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern.

**102.2 Existing installations.** Plumbing systems lawfully in existence at the time of the adoption of this code shall be permitted to have their use and maintenance continued if the use, maintenance or repair is in accordance with the original design and no hazard to life, health or property is created by such plumbing system.

**102.3 Maintenance.** All plumbing systems, materials and appurtenances, both existing and new, and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in proper operating condition in accordance with the original design in a safe and sanitary condition. All devices or safeguards required by this code shall be maintained in compliance with the code edition under which they were installed.

The owner or the owner's designated agent shall be responsible for maintenance of plumbing systems. To determine compliance with this provision, the code official shall have the authority to require any plumbing system to be reinspected.

**102.4 Additions, alterations or repairs.** Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs to any plumbing system shall conform to that required for a new plumbing system without requiring the existing plumbing system to comply with all the requirements of this code. Additions, alterations or repairs shall not cause an existing system to become unsafe, insanitary or overloaded.

Minor additions, alterations, renovations and repairs to existing plumbing systems shall meet the provisions for new construction, unless such work is done in the same manner and arrangement as was in the existing system, is not hazardous and is *approved*.

**102.5 Change in occupancy.** It shall be unlawful to make any change in the *occupancy* of any structure that will subject the structure to any special provision of this code applicable to the new *occupancy* without approval of the code official. The code official shall certify that such structure meets the intent of the provisions of law governing building construction for the proposed new *occupancy* and that such change of *occupancy* does not result in any hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

**102.6 Historic buildings.** The provisions of this code relating to the construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving of buildings or structures shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures identified and

classified by the state or local jurisdiction as historic buildings when such buildings or structures are judged by the code official to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare regarding any proposed construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving of buildings.

**102.7 Moved buildings.** Except as determined by Section 102.2, plumbing systems that are a part of buildings or structures moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this code for new installations.

**102.8 Referenced codes and standards.** The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 13 and such codes and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall be the minimum requirements.

**102.9 Requirements not covered by code.** Any requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing or proposed plumbing system, or for the public safety, health and general welfare, not specifically covered by this code shall be determined by the code official.

**102.10 Other laws.** The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

**102.11 Application of references.** Reference to chapter section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

## SECTION 103 DEPARTMENT OF PLUMBING INSPECTION

Deleted. See the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

## SECTION 104 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CODE OFFICIAL

Deleted. See the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

## SECTION 105 APPROVAL

**105.1 Modifications.** Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the code official shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases, upon application of the owner or owner's representative, provided the code official shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical and the modification conforms to the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the plumbing inspection department.

**105.2 Alternative materials, methods and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installa-

tion of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material or method of construction shall be *approved* where the code official finds that the proposed alternative material, method or equipment complies with the intent of the provisions of this code and is at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code.

**105.2.1 Research reports.** Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from *approved* sources.

**105.3 Required testing.** Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code, or evidence that a material or method does not conform to the requirements of this code, or in order to substantiate claims for alternate materials or methods, the code official shall have the authority to require tests as evidence of compliance to be made at no expense to the jurisdiction.

**105.3.1 Test methods.** Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test standards. In the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the code official shall approve the testing procedures.

**105.3.2 Testing agency.** All tests shall be performed by an *approved* agency.

**105.3.3 Test reports.** Reports of tests shall be retained by the code official for the period required for retention of public records.

**105.4 Alternative engineered design.** The design, documentation, inspection, testing and approval of an *alternative engineered design* plumbing system shall comply with Sections 105.4.1 through 105.4.6.

**105.4.1 Design criteria.** An *alternative engineered design* shall conform to the intent of the provisions of this code and shall provide an equivalent level of quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. Material, equipment or components shall be designed and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**105.4.2 Submittal.** The registered design professional shall indicate on the permit application that the plumbing system is an *alternative engineered design*. The permit and permanent permit records shall indicate that an *alternative engineered design* was part of the *approved* installation.

**105.4.3 Technical data.** The registered design professional shall submit sufficient technical data to substantiate the proposed *alternative engineered design* and to prove that the performance meets the intent of this code.

**105.4.4 Construction documents.** The registered design professional shall submit to the code official two complete sets of signed and sealed construction documents for the *alternative engineered design*. The construction documents shall include floor plans and a riser diagram of the work. Where appropriate, the construction documents shall indicate the direction of flow, all pipe sizes, grade of horizontal piping, loading, and location of fixtures and appliances.



**105.4.5 Design approval.** Where the code official determines that the *alternative engineered design* conforms to the intent of this code, the plumbing system shall be *approved*. If the *alternative engineered design* is not *approved*, the code official shall notify the registered design professional in writing, stating the reasons thereof.

**105.4.6 Inspection and testing.** The *alternative engineered design* shall be tested and inspected in accordance with the requirements of Sections 107 and 312.

**105.5 Approved materials and equipment.** Materials, equipment and devices *approved* by the code official shall be constructed and installed in accordance with such approval.

**105.5.1 Material and equipment reuse.** Materials, equipment and devices shall not be reused unless such elements have been reconditioned, tested, placed in good and proper working condition and *approved*.

## SECTION 106 PERMITS

Deleted. See the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

## SECTION 107 INSPECTIONS AND TESTING

Deleted. See the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

## SECTION 108 VIOLATIONS

Deleted. See the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

## SECTION 109 MEANS OF APPEAL

Deleted. See the North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies.

## SECTION 110

### TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS AND USES

**110.1 General.** The code official is authorized to issue a permit for temporary equipment, systems and uses. Such permits shall be limited as to time of service, but shall not be permitted for more than 180 days. The code official is authorized to grant extensions for demonstrated cause.

**110.2 Conformance.** Temporary equipment, systems and uses shall conform to the structural strength, fire safety, means of egress, accessibility, light, ventilation and sanitary requirements of this code as necessary to ensure the public health, safety and general welfare.

**110.3 Temporary utilities.** The code official is authorized to give permission to temporarily supply utilities before an installation has been fully completed and the final certificate of completion has been issued. The part covered by the temporary certificate shall comply with the requirements specified for temporary lighting, heat or power in the code.

**110.4 Termination of approval.** The code official is authorized to terminate such permit for temporary equipment, systems or uses and to order the temporary equipment, systems or uses to be discontinued.



## CHAPTER 2

# DEFINITIONS

### SECTION 201 GENERAL

**201.1 Scope.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this code, have the meanings shown in this chapter.

**201.2 Interchangeability.** Words stated in the present tense include the future; words stated in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular.

**201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code* or the *International Mechanical Code*, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

**201.4 Terms not defined.** Where terms are not defined through the methods authorized by this section, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

### SECTION 202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**ACCEPTED ENGINEERING PRACTICE.** That which conforms to accepted principles, tests or standards of nationally recognized technical or scientific authorities.

**ACCESS (TO).** That which enables a fixture, appliance or equipment to be reached by ready *access* or by a means that first requires the removal or movement of a panel, door or similar obstruction (see “Ready *access*”).

**ACCESS COVER.** A removable plate, usually secured by bolts or screws, to permit *access* to a pipe or pipe fitting for the purposes of inspection, repair or cleaning.

**ADAPTER FITTING.** An *approved* connecting device that suitably and properly joins or adjusts pipes and fittings which do not otherwise fit together.

**AIR ADMITTANCE VALVE.** One-way valve designed to allow air to enter the plumbing drainage system when negative pressures develop in the piping system. The device shall close by gravity and seal the vent terminal at zero differential pressure (no flow conditions) and under positive internal pressures. The purpose of an air admittance valve is to provide a method of allowing air to enter the plumbing drainage system without the use of a vent extended to open air and to prevent *sewer* gases from escaping into a building.

**AIR BREAK (Drainage System).** A piping arrangement in which a drain from a fixture, appliance or device discharges indirectly into another fixture, receptacle or interceptor at a point below the *flood level rim* and above the trap seal.

**AIR GAP (Drainage System).** The unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the outlet of the

waste pipe and the *flood level rim* of the receptacle into which the waste pipe is discharging.

**AIR GAP (Water Distribution System).** The unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet supplying water to a tank, plumbing fixture or other device and the *flood level rim* of the receptacle.

**ALTERNATIVE ENGINEERED DESIGN.** A plumbing system that performs in accordance with the intent of Chapters 3 through 12 and provides an equivalent level of performance for the protection of public health, safety and welfare. The system design is not specifically regulated by Chapters 3 through 12.

**ANCHORS.** See “Supports.”

**ANTISIPHON.** A term applied to valves or mechanical devices that eliminate siphonage.

**APPROVED.** Acceptable to the code official or other authority having jurisdiction.

**APPROVED AGENCY.** An established and recognized agency approved by the code official and that is regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services.

**AREA DRAIN.** A receptacle designed to collect surface or storm water from an open area.

**ASPIRATOR.** A fitting or device supplied with water or other fluid under positive pressure that passes through an integral orifice or constriction, causing a vacuum. Aspirators are also referred to as suction apparatus, and are similar in operation to an ejector.

**BACKFLOW.** Pressure created by any means in the water distribution system, which by being in excess of the pressure in the water supply mains causes a potential backflow condition.

**Backpressure, low head.** A pressure less than or equal to 4.33 psi (29.88 kPa) or the pressure exerted by a 10-foot (3048 mm) column of water.

**Backsiphonage.** The backflow of potentially contaminated water into the potable water system as a result of the pressure in the potable water system falling below atmospheric pressure of the plumbing fixtures, pools, tanks or vats connected to the potable water distribution piping.

**Drainage.** A reversal of flow in the drainage system. ←

**Water supply system.** The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distribution pipes of a potable water supply from any source except the intended source.

**BACKFLOW CONNECTION.** Any arrangement whereby backflow is possible.

**BACKFLOW PREVENTER.** A device or means to prevent backflow.

**BACKWATER VALVE.** A device or valve installed in the *building drain* or *sewer* pipe where a *sewer* is subject to backflow, and which prevents drainage or waste from backing up into a lower level or fixtures and causing a flooding condition.

**BASE FLOOD ELEVATION.** A reference point, determined in accordance with the building code, based on the depth or peak elevation of flooding, including wave height, which has a 1 percent (100-year flood) or greater chance of occurring in any given year.

**BATHROOM GROUP.** A group of fixtures consisting of a water closet, lavatory, bathtub or shower, including or excluding a bidet, an *emergency floor drain* or both. Such fixtures are located together on the same floor level.

**BATTERY OF FIXTURES.** Any group of two or more similar adjacent fixtures that discharge into a common horizontal waste or soil branch.

**BEDPAN STEAMER OR BOILER.** A fixture utilized for scalding bedpans or urinals by direct application of steam or boiling water.

**BEDPAN WASHER AND STERILIZER.** A fixture designed to wash bedpans and to flush the contents into the sanitary drainage system. Included are fixtures of this type that provide for disinfecting utensils by scalding with steam or *hot water*.

**BEDPAN WASHER HOSE.** A device supplied with hot and cold water and located adjacent to a water closet or clinical sink to be utilized for cleansing bedpans.

**BRANCH.** Any part of the piping system except a riser, main or *stack*.

**BRANCH INTERVAL.** A distance along a soil or waste stack corresponding, in general, to a story height, but not less than 8 feet (2438 mm) within which the horizontal branches from one floor or story of a structure are connected to the stack.

**BRANCH VENT.** A vent connecting one or more individual vents with a vent *stack* or *stack vent*.

**BUILDING.** Any structure occupied or intended for supporting or sheltering any *occupancy*.

**BUILDING DRAIN.** That part of the lowest piping of a drainage system that receives the discharge from soil, waste and other drainage pipes inside and that extends to 10 feet (3048 mm) beyond the walls of the building and conveys the drainage to the *building sewer*.

**Combined.** A *building drain* that conveys both sewage and storm water or other drainage.

**Sanitary.** A *building drain* that conveys sewage only.

**Storm.** A *building drain* that conveys storm water or other drainage, but not sewage.

**BUILDING SEWER.** That part of the drainage system that extends from the end of the *building drain* and conveys the discharge to a *public sewer*, *private sewer*, individual sewage disposal system or other point of disposal.

**Combined.** A *building sewer* that conveys both sewage and storm water or other drainage.

**Sanitary.** A *building sewer* that conveys sewage only.

**Storm.** A *building sewer* that conveys storm water or other drainage, but not sewage.

**BUILDING SUBDRAIN.** That portion of a drainage system that does not drain by gravity into the *building sewer*.

**BUILDING TRAP.** A device, fitting or assembly of fittings installed in the *building drain* to prevent circulation of air between the drainage system of the building and the *building sewer*.

**CIRCUIT VENT.** A vent that connects to a horizontal drainage *branch* and vents two traps to a maximum of eight traps or trapped fixtures connected into a battery.

**CISTERN.** A small covered tank for storing water for a home or farm. Generally, this tank stores rainwater to be utilized for purposes other than in the potable water supply, and such tank is placed underground in most cases.

**CLEANOUT.** An *access* opening in the drainage system utilized for the removal of obstructions. Types of cleanouts include a removable plug or cap, and a removable fixture or fixture trap.

**CLOSET.** An enclosed or recessed area used to store clothing, linens or other household items.

**CODE.** These regulations, subsequent amendments thereto, or any emergency rule or regulation that the administrative authority having jurisdiction has lawfully adopted.

**CODE OFFICIAL.** The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.

**COMBINATION FIXTURE.** A fixture combining one sink and laundry tray or a two- or three-compartment sink or laundry tray in one unit.

**COMBINATION WASTE AND VENT SYSTEM.** A specially designed system of waste piping embodying the horizontal wet venting of one or more sinks or floor drains by means of a common waste and vent pipe adequately sized to provide free movement of air above the flow line of the drain.

**COMBINED BUILDING DRAIN.** See “*Building drain*, combined.”

**COMBINED BUILDING SEWER.** See “*Building sewer*, combined.”

**COMMON VENT.** A vent connecting at the junction of two fixture drains or to a fixture *branch* and serving as a vent for both fixtures.

**CONCEALED FOULING SURFACE.** Any surface of a plumbing fixture which is not readily visible and is not scoured or cleansed with each fixture operation.

**CONDUCTOR.** A pipe inside the building that conveys storm water from the roof to a storm or combined *building drain*.

**CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS.** All of the written, graphic and pictorial documents prepared or assembled for describing the design, location and physical characteristics of the elements of the project necessary for obtaining a building

permit. The construction drawings shall be drawn to an appropriate scale.

**CONTAMINATION.** An impairment of the quality of the potable water that creates an actual hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of disease by sewage, industrial fluids or waste.

**CRITICAL LEVEL (C-L).** An elevation (height) reference point that determines the minimum height at which a backflow preventer or vacuum breaker is installed above the *flood level rim* of the fixture or receptor served by the device. The critical level is the elevation level below which there is a potential for backflow to occur. If the critical level marking is not indicated on the device, the bottom of the device shall constitute the critical level.

**CROSS CONNECTION.** Any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate piping systems, one of which contains potable water and the other either water of unknown or questionable safety or steam, gas or chemical, whereby there exists the possibility for flow from one system to the other, with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems (see “Backflow”).

**DEAD END.** A *branch* leading from a soil, waste or vent pipe; a *building drain*; or a *building sewer*, and terminating at a *developed length* of 2 feet (610 mm) or more by means of a plug, cap or other closed fitting.

**DEPTH OF TRAP SEAL.** The depth of liquid that would have to be removed from a full trap before air could pass through the trap.

**DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION.** The elevation of the “design flood,” including wave height, relative to the datum specified on the community’s legally designated flood hazard map.

**DEVELOPED LENGTH.** The length of a pipeline measured along the centerline of the pipe and fittings.

**DISCHARGE PIPE.** A pipe that conveys the discharges from plumbing fixtures or appliances.

**DRAIN.** Any pipe that carries wastewater or water-borne wastes in a building drainage system.

**DRAINAGE FITTINGS.** Type of fitting or fittings utilized in the drainage system. Drainage fittings are similar to cast-iron fittings, except that instead of having a bell and spigot, drainage fittings are recessed and tapped to eliminate ridges on the inside of the installed pipe.

#### DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNIT

**Drainage (dfu).** A measure of the probable discharge into the drainage system by various types of plumbing fixtures. The drainage fixture-unit value for a particular fixture depends on its volume rate of drainage discharge, on the time duration of a single drainage operation and on the average time between successive operations.

**DRAINAGE SYSTEM.** Piping within a *public* or *private* premise that conveys sewage, rainwater or other liquid wastes to a point of disposal. A drainage system does not include the

mains of a *public sewer* system or a private or public sewage treatment or disposal plant.

**Building gravity.** A drainage system that drains by gravity into the *building sewer*.

**Sanitary.** A drainage system that carries sewage and excludes storm, surface and ground water.

**Storm.** A drainage system that carries rainwater, surface water, subsurface water and similar liquid wastes.

**EFFECTIVE OPENING.** The minimum cross-sectional area at the point of water supply discharge, measured or expressed in terms of the diameter of a circle or, if the opening is not circular, the diameter of a circle of equivalent cross-sectional area. For faucets and similar fittings, the *effective opening* shall be measured at the smallest orifice in the fitting body or in the supply piping to the fitting.

**EMERGENCY FLOOR DRAIN.** A floor drain that does not receive the discharge of any drain or indirect waste pipe, and that protects against damage from accidental spills, fixture overflows and leakage.

**ESSENTIALLY NONTOXIC TRANSFER FLUIDS.** Fluids having a Gosselin rating of 1, including propylene glycol; mineral oil; polydimethylsiloxane; hydrochlorofluorocarbon, chlorofluorocarbon and carbon refrigerants; and FDA-approved boiler water additives for steam boilers.

**ESSENTIALLY TOXIC TRANSFER FLUIDS.** Soil, waste or gray water and fluids having a Gosselin rating of 2 or more including ethylene glycol, hydrocarbon oils, ammonia refrigerants and hydrazine.

**EXISTING INSTALLATIONS.** Any plumbing system regulated by this code that was legally installed prior to the effective date of this code, or for which a permit to install has been issued.

**FAUCET.** A valve end of a water pipe through which water is drawn from or held within the pipe.

**FILL VALVE.** A water supply valve, opened or closed by means of a float or similar device, utilized to supply water to a tank. An antisiphon fill valve contains an antisiphon device in the form of an *approved air gap* or vacuum breaker that is an integral part of the fill valve unit and that is positioned on the discharge side of the water supply control valve.

**FIXTURE.** See “Plumbing fixture.”

**FIXTURE BRANCH.** A drain serving two or more fixtures that discharges to another drain or to a *stack*.

**FIXTURE DRAIN.** The drain from the trap of a fixture to a junction with any other drain pipe.

#### FIXTURE FITTING

**Supply fitting.** A fitting that controls the volume and/or directional flow of water and is either attached to or accessible from a fixture, or is used with an open or atmospheric discharge.



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**Waste fitting.** A combination of components that conveys the sanitary waste from the outlet of a fixture to the connection to the sanitary drainage system.

**FIXTURE SUPPLY.** The water supply pipe connecting a fixture to a *branch* water supply pipe or directly to a main water supply pipe.

**FLOOD HAZARD AREA.** The greater of the following two areas:

1. The area within a flood plain subject to a 1-percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.
2. The area designated as a *flood hazard area* on a community's flood hazard map or as otherwise legally designated.

**FLOOD LEVEL RIM.** The edge of the receptacle from which water overflows.

**FLOW CONTROL (Vented).** A device installed upstream from the interceptor having an orifice that controls the rate of flow through the interceptor and an air intake (vent) downstream from the orifice that allows air to be drawn into the flow stream.

**FLOW PRESSURE.** The pressure in the water supply pipe near the faucet or water outlet while the faucet or water outlet is wide open and flowing.

**FLUSH TANK.** A tank designed with a fill valve and flush valve to flush the contents of the bowl or usable portion of the fixture.

**FLUSHOMETER TANK.** A device integrated within an air accumulator vessel that is designed to discharge a predetermined quantity of water to fixtures for flushing purposes.

**FLUSHOMETER VALVE.** A valve attached to a pressurized water supply pipe and so designed that when activated it opens the line for direct flow into the fixture at a rate and quantity to operate the fixture properly, and then gradually closes to reseal fixture traps and avoid water hammer.

**GREASE INTERCEPTOR.** A plumbing appurtenance that is installed in a sanitary drainage system to intercept oily and greasy wastes from a wastewater discharge. Such device has the ability to intercept free-floating fats and oils.

**GREASE-LADEN WASTE.** Effluent discharge that is produced from food processing, food preparation or other sources where grease, fats and oils enter automatic dishwasher prerinse stations, sinks or other appurtenances.

**GREASE REMOVAL DEVICE, AUTOMATIC (GRD).** A plumbing appurtenance that is installed in the sanitary drainage system to intercept free-floating fats, oils and grease from wastewater discharge. Such a device operates on a time- or event-controlled basis and has the ability to remove free-floating fats, oils and grease automatically without intervention from the user except for maintenance.

**GRIDDED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.** A water distribution system where every water distribution pipe is interconnected so as to provide two or more paths to each fixture supply pipe.

**HANGERS.** See "Supports."

**HORIZONTAL BRANCH DRAIN.** A drainage *branch* pipe extending laterally from a soil or waste *stack* or *building drain*, with or without vertical sections or branches, that receives the discharge from two or more fixture drains or branches and conducts the discharge to the soil or waste *stack* or to the *building drain*.

**HORIZONTAL PIPE.** Any pipe or fitting that makes an angle of less than 45 degrees (0.79 rad) with the horizontal.

**HOT WATER.** Water at a temperature greater than or equal to 110°F (43°C).

**HOUSE TRAP.** See "Building trap."

**INDIRECT WASTE PIPE.** A waste pipe that does not connect directly with the drainage system, but that discharges into the drainage system through an *air break* or *air gap* into a trap, fixture, receptor or interceptor.

**INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.** A system for disposal of domestic sewage by means of a septic tank, cesspool or mechanical treatment, designed for utilization apart from a public *sewer* to serve a single establishment or building.

**INDIVIDUAL VENT.** A pipe installed to vent a fixture trap and that connects with the vent system above the fixture served or terminates in the open air.

**INDIVIDUAL WATER SUPPLY.** A water supply that serves one or more families, and that is not an *approved* public water supply.

**INTERCEPTOR.** A device designed and installed to separate and retain for removal, by automatic or manual means, deleterious, hazardous or undesirable matter from normal wastes, while permitting normal sewage or wastes to discharge into the drainage system by gravity.

## JOINT

**Expansion.** A loop, return bend or return offset that provides for the expansion and contraction in a piping system and is utilized in tall buildings or where there is a rapid change of temperature, as in power plants, steam rooms and similar occupancies.

**Flexible.** Any joint between two pipes that permits one pipe to be deflected or moved without movement or deflection of the other pipe.

**Mechanical.** See "Mechanical joint."

**Slip.** A type of joint made by means of a washer or a special type of packing compound in which one pipe is slipped into the end of an adjacent pipe.

**LABELED.** Equipment, devices, fixtures or materials bearing the label of an approved agency.

**LEAD-FREE PIPE AND FITTINGS.** Containing not more than a weighted average of 0.25-percent lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures.

**LEAD-FREE SOLDER AND FLUX.** Containing not more than 0.2-percent lead.

**LEADER.** An exterior drainage pipe for conveying storm water from roof or gutter drains to an *approved* means of disposal.

**LOCAL VENT STACK.** A vertical pipe to which connections are made from the fixture side of traps and through which vapor or foul air is removed from the fixture or device utilized on bedpan washers.

**MACERATING TOILET SYSTEMS.** An assembly consisting of a water closet and sump with a macerating pump that is designed to collect, grind and pump wastes from the water closet and up to two other fixtures connected to the sump.

**MAIN.** The principal pipe artery to which branches are connected.

**MANIFOLD.** See “Plumbing appurtenance.”

**MECHANICAL JOINT.** A connection between pipes, fittings, or pipes and fittings that is not screwed, caulked, threaded, soldered, solvent cemented, brazed or welded. A joint in which compression is applied along the centerline of the pieces being joined. In some applications, the joint is part of a coupling, fitting or adapter.

**MEDICAL GAS SYSTEM.** The complete system to convey medical gases for direct patient application from central supply systems (bulk tanks, manifolds and medical air compressors), with pressure and operating controls, alarm warning systems, related components and piping networks extending to station outlet valves at patient use points.

**MEDICAL VACUUM SYSTEMS.** A system consisting of central-vacuum-producing equipment with pressure and operating controls, shutoff valves, alarm-warning systems, gauges and a network of piping extending to and terminating with suitable station inlets at locations where patient suction may be required.

**NONPOTABLE WATER.** Water not safe for drinking, personal or culinary utilization.

**NUISANCE.** Public nuisance as known in common law or in equity jurisprudence; whatever is dangerous to human life or detrimental to health; whatever structure or premises is not sufficiently ventilated, sewerage, drained, cleaned or lighted, with respect to its intended *occupancy*; and whatever renders the air, or human food, drink or water supply unwholesome.

**OCCUPANCY.** The purpose for which a building or portion thereof is utilized or occupied.

**OFFSET.** A combination of *approved* bends that makes two changes in direction bringing one section of the pipe out of line but into a line parallel with the other section.

**OPEN AIR.** Outside the structure.

**PIPE SIZES.** For the purposes of determining the minimum size of pipe required, cross-sectional areas are the essential characteristic, not the pipe diameter. When the Code instructs to “increase by one pipe size,” some pipe sizes may not be commercially available. The following pipe sizes are presumed to be commercially available:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 3,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 4,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

**PLUMBING.** The practice, materials and fixtures utilized in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all

piping, fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing appurtenances, within or adjacent to any structure, in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities; venting systems; and public or private water supply systems.

**PLUMBING APPLIANCE.** Any one of a special class of plumbing fixtures intended to perform a special function. Included are fixtures having the operation or control dependent on one or more energized components, such as motors, controls, heating elements, or pressure- or temperature-sensing elements.

Such fixtures are manually adjusted or controlled by the owner or operator, or are operated automatically through one or more of the following actions: a time cycle, a temperature range, a pressure range, a measured volume or weight.

**PLUMBING APPURTENANCE.** A manufactured device, prefabricated assembly or an on-the-job assembly of component parts that is an adjunct to the basic piping system and plumbing fixtures. An appurtenance demands no additional water supply and does not add any discharge load to a fixture or to the drainage system.

**PLUMBING FIXTURE.** A receptacle or device that is either permanently or temporarily connected to the water distribution system of the premises and demands a supply of water therefrom; discharges wastewater, liquid-borne waste materials or sewage either directly or indirectly to the drainage system of the premises; or requires both a water supply connection and a discharge to the drainage system of the premises.

**PLUMBING SYSTEM.** Includes the water supply and distribution pipes; plumbing fixtures and traps; water-treating or water-using equipment; soil, waste and vent pipes; and sanitary and storm sewers and building drains; in addition to their respective connections, devices and appurtenances within a structure or premises.

**POLLUTION.** An impairment of the quality of the potable water to a degree that does not create a hazard to the public health but that does adversely and unreasonably affect the aesthetic qualities of such potable water for domestic use.

**POTABLE WATER.** Water free from impurities present in amounts sufficient to cause disease or harmful physiological effects and conforming to the bacteriological and chemical quality requirements of the Public Health Service Drinking Water Standards or the regulations of the public health authority having jurisdiction.

**PRIVATE.** In the classification of plumbing fixtures, “*private*” applies to fixtures in residences and apartments, and to fixtures in nonpublic toilet rooms of hotels and motels and similar installations in buildings where the plumbing fixtures are intended for utilization by a family or an individual.

**PUBLIC OR PUBLIC UTILIZATION.** In the classification of plumbing fixtures, “*public*” applies to fixtures in general toilet rooms of schools, gymnasiums, hotels, airports, bus and railroad stations, public buildings, bars, public comfort stations, office buildings, stadiums, stores, restaurants and other installations where a number of fixtures are installed so that their utilization is similarly unrestricted.

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**PUBLIC WATER MAIN.** A water supply pipe for public utilization controlled by public authority.

**QUICK-CLOSING VALVE.** A valve or faucet that closes automatically when released manually or that is controlled by a mechanical means for fast-action closing.

**READY ACCESS.** That which enables a fixture, appliance or equipment to be directly reached without requiring the removal or movement of any panel, door or similar obstruction and without the use of a portable ladder, step stool or similar device.

**REDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPLE BACKFLOW PREVENTER.** A backflow prevention device consisting of two independently acting check valves, internally force-loaded to a normally closed position and separated by an intermediate chamber (or zone) in which there is an automatic relief means of venting to the atmosphere, internally loaded to a normally open position between two tightly closing shutoff valves and with a means for testing for tightness of the checks and opening of the relief means.

**REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** An individual who is registered or licensed to practice professional architecture or engineering as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. Design by a registered design professional is not required where exempt under the registration or licensure laws.

### RELIEF VALVE

**Pressure relief valve.** A pressure-actuated valve held closed by a spring or other means and designed to relieve pressure automatically at the pressure at which such valve is set.

**Temperature and pressure relief (T&P) valve.** A combination relief valve designed to function as both a temperature relief and a pressure relief valve.

**Temperature relief valve.** A temperature-actuated valve designed to discharge automatically at the temperature at which such valve is set.

**RELIEF VENT.** A vent whose primary function is to provide circulation of air between drainage and vent systems.

**RIM.** An unobstructed open edge of a fixture.

**RISER.** See “Water pipe, riser.”

**ROOF DRAIN.** A drain installed to receive water collecting on the surface of a roof and to discharge such water into a leader or a conductor.

**ROUGH-IN.** Parts of the plumbing system that are installed prior to the installation of fixtures. This includes drainage, water supply, vent piping and the necessary fixture supports and any fixtures that are built into the structure.

**SCUPPER.** An opening in a wall or parapet that allows water to drain from a roof.

**SELF-CLOSING FAUCET.** A faucet containing a valve that automatically closes upon deactivation of the opening means.

**SEPARATOR.** See “Interceptor.”

**SEWAGE.** Any liquid waste containing animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution, including liquids containing chemicals in solution.

**SEWAGE EJECTORS.** A device for lifting sewage by entraining the sewage in a high-velocity jet of steam, air or water.

### SEWER

**Building sewer.** See “Building sewer.”

**Public sewer.** A common *sewer* directly controlled by public authority.

**Sanitary sewer.** A *sewer* that carries sewage and excludes storm, surface and ground water.

**Storm sewer.** A *sewer* that conveys rainwater, surface water, subsurface water and similar liquid wastes.

**SLOPE.** The fall (pitch) of a line of pipe in reference to a horizontal plane. In drainage, the slope is expressed as the fall in units vertical per units horizontal (percent) for a length of pipe.

**SOIL PIPE.** A pipe that conveys sewage containing fecal matter to the *building drain* or *building sewer*.

**SPILLPROOF VACUUM BREAKER.** An assembly consisting of one check valve force-loaded closed and an air-inlet vent valve force-loaded open to atmosphere, positioned downstream of the check valve, and located between and including two tightly closing shutoff valves and a test cock.

**STACK.** A general term for any vertical line of soil, waste, vent or inside conductor piping that extends through at least one story with or without offsets.

**STACK VENT.** The extension of a soil or waste *stack* above the highest horizontal drain connected to the *stack*.

**STACK VENTING.** A method of venting a fixture or fixtures through the soil or waste *stack*.

### STERILIZER

**Boiling type.** A boiling-type sterilizer is a fixture of a nonpressure type utilized for boiling instruments, utensils or other equipment for disinfection. These devices are portable or are connected to the plumbing system.

**Instrument.** A device for the sterilization of various instruments.

**Pressure (autoclave).** A pressure vessel fixture designed to utilize steam under pressure for sterilizing.

**Pressure instrument washer sterilizer.** A pressure instrument washer sterilizer is a pressure vessel fixture designed to both wash and sterilize instruments during the operating cycle of the fixture.

**Utensil.** A device for the sterilization of utensils as utilized in health care services.

**Water.** A water sterilizer is a device for sterilizing water and storing sterile water.

**STERILIZER VENT.** A separate pipe or *stack*, indirectly connected to the building drainage system at the lower terminal, that receives the vapors from nonpressure sterilizers, or the exhaust vapors from pressure sterilizers, and conducts the



vapors directly to the open air. Also called vapor, steam, atmospheric or exhaust vent.

**STORM DRAIN.** See “Drainage system, storm.”

**STRUCTURE.** That which is built or constructed or a portion thereof.

**SUBSOIL DRAIN.** A drain that collects subsurface water or seepage water and conveys such water to a place of disposal.

**SUMP.** A tank or pit that receives sewage or liquid waste, located below the normal grade of the gravity system and that must be emptied by mechanical means.

**SUMP PUMP.** An automatic water pump powered by an electric motor for the removal of drainage, except raw sewage, from a sump, pit or low point.

**SUMP VENT.** A vent from pneumatic sewage ejectors, or similar equipment, that terminates separately to the open air.

**SUPPORTS.** Devices for supporting and securing pipe, fixtures and equipment.

**SWIMMING POOL.** Any structure, basin, chamber or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving or recreational bathing having a depth of 2 feet (610 mm) or more at any point.

**TEMPERED WATER.** Water having a temperature range between 85°F (29°C) and 110°F (43°C).

**THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION AGENCY.** An *approved* agency operating a product or material certification system that incorporates initial product testing, assessment and surveillance of a manufacturer’s quality control system.

**THIRD-PARTY CERTIFIED.** Certification obtained by the manufacturer indicating that the function and performance characteristics of a product or material have been determined by testing and ongoing surveillance by an *approved third-party certification agency*. Assertion of certification is in the form of identification in accordance with the requirements of the *third-party certification agency*.

**THIRD-PARTY TESTED.** Procedure by which an *approved* testing laboratory provides documentation that a product, material or system conforms to specified requirements.

**TOILET.** Water closet and frequently a lavatory, but not a bathtub, shower, spa or similar bathing fixture.

**TOILET ROOM.** A room containing a water closet and frequently a lavatory, but not a bathtub, shower, spa or similar bathing fixture.

**TRAP.** A fitting or device that provides a liquid seal to prevent the emission of *sewer* gases without materially affecting the flow of sewage or wastewater through the trap.

**TRAP SEAL.** The vertical distance between the weir and the top of the dip of the trap.

**UNSTABLE GROUND.** Earth that does not provide a uniform bearing for the barrel of the *sewer* pipe between the joints at the bottom of the pipe trench.

**VACUUM.** Any pressure less than that exerted by the atmosphere.

**VACUUM BREAKER.** A type of backflow preventer installed on openings subject to normal atmospheric pressure that prevents backflow by admitting atmospheric pressure through ports to the discharge side of the device.

**VENT PIPE.** See “Vent system.”

**VENT STACK.** A vertical vent pipe installed primarily for the purpose of providing circulation of air to and from any part of the drainage system.

**VENT SYSTEM.** A pipe or pipes installed to provide a flow of air to or from a drainage system, or to provide a circulation of air within such system to protect trap seals from siphonage and backpressure.

**VERTICAL PIPE.** Any pipe or fitting that makes an angle of 45 degrees (0.79 rad) or more with the horizontal.

**WALL-HUNG WATER CLOSET.** A wall-mounted water closet installed in such a way that the fixture does not touch the floor.

**WASTE.** The discharge from any fixture, appliance, area or appurtenance that does not contain fecal matter.

**WASTE PIPE.** A pipe that conveys only waste.

**WASTE RECEPTOR.** A floor sink, standpipe, hub drain or a floor drain that receives the discharge of one or more indirect waste pipes.

**WATER-HAMMER ARRESTOR.** A device utilized to absorb the pressure surge (water hammer) that occurs when water flow is suddenly stopped in a water supply system.

**WATER HEATER.** Any heating appliance or equipment that heats potable water and supplies such water to the potable *hot water* distribution system.

**WATER MAIN.** A water supply pipe or system of pipes, installed and maintained by a city, township, county, public utility company or other public entity, on public property, in the street or in an *approved* dedicated easement of public or community use.

**WATER OUTLET.** A discharge opening through which water is supplied to a fixture, into the atmosphere (except into an open tank that is part of the water supply system), to a boiler or heating system, or to any devices or equipment requiring water to operate but which are not part of the plumbing system.

**WATER PIPE**

**Riser.** A water supply pipe that extends one full story or more to convey water to branches or to a group of fixtures.

**Water distribution pipe.** A pipe within the structure or on the premises that conveys water from the water service pipe, or from the meter when the meter is at the structure, to the points of utilization.

**Water service pipe.** The pipe from the water main or other source of potable water supply, or from the meter when the meter is at the public right of way, to the water distribution system of the building served. Water service pipe shall terminate 5 feet (1524 mm) outside the foundation wall.

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**WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.** The water service pipe, water distribution pipes, and the necessary connecting pipes, fittings, control valves and all appurtenances in or adjacent to the structure or premises.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE LEAD CONTENT.** The weighted average lead content of a pipe, pipe fitting, plumbing fitting, or fixture shall be calculated by using the following formula: For each wetted component, the percentage of lead in the component shall be multiplied by the ratio of the wetted surface area of that component to the total wetted surface area of the entire product to arrive at the weighted percentage of lead of the component. The weighted percentage of lead of each wetted component shall be added together, and the sum of these wetted percentages shall constitute the weighted average lead content of the product. For lead content of materials that are provided as a range, the maximum content of the range shall be used.

### WELL

**Bored.** A well constructed by boring a hole in the ground with an auger and installing a casing.

**Drilled.** A well constructed by making a hole in the ground with a drilling machine of any type and installing casing and screen.

**Driven.** A well constructed by driving a pipe in the ground. The drive pipe is usually fitted with a well point and screen.

**Dug.** A well constructed by excavating a large-diameter shaft and installing a casing.

**WHIRLPOOL BATHTUB.** A plumbing appliance consisting of a bathtub fixture that is equipped and fitted with a circulating piping system designed to accept, circulate and discharge bathtub water upon each use.

**YOKE VENT.** A pipe connecting upward from a soil or waste *stack* to a vent *stack* for the purpose of preventing pressure changes in the stacks.



## CHAPTER 3

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

### SECTION 301 GENERAL

**301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the general regulations regarding the installation of plumbing not specific to other chapters.

**301.2 System installation.** Plumbing shall be installed with due regard to preservation of the strength of structural members and prevention of damage to walls and other surfaces through fixture usage.

**301.3 Connections to the sanitary drainage system.** All plumbing fixtures, drains, appurtenances and appliances used to receive or discharge liquid wastes or sewage shall be directly connected to the sanitary drainage system of the building or premises, in accordance with the requirements of this code. This section shall not be construed to prevent the indirect waste systems required by Chapter 8. All drain, waste and vent piping associated with gray water or rain water recycling systems shall be installed in compliance with this code.

**301.4 Connections to water supply.** Every plumbing fixture, device or appliance requiring or using water for its proper operation shall be directly or indirectly connected to the water supply system in accordance with the provisions of this code.

**301.5 Pipe, tube and fitting sizes.** See Chapter 2, Definitions, "Pipe sizes."

**301.6 Prohibited locations.** Plumbing systems shall not be located in an elevator shaft or in an elevator equipment room.

**Exception:** Floor drains, sumps and sump pumps shall be permitted at the base of the shaft, provided that they are indirectly connected to the plumbing system and comply with Section 1003.4.

**301.7 Conflicts.** Where conflicts between this code and the conditions of the listing or the manufacturer's installation instructions occur, the provisions of this code apply.

**Exception:** Where a code provision is less restrictive than the conditions of the listing of the equipment or appliance or the manufacturer's installation instructions, the conditions of the listing and manufacturer's installation instructions shall apply.

### SECTION 302 EXCLUSION OF MATERIALS DETRIMENTAL TO THE SEWER SYSTEM

**302.1 Detrimental or dangerous materials.** *Note: The following text is provided for informational purposes only.*

Ashes, cinders or rags; flammable, poisonous or explosive liquids or gases; oil, grease or any other insoluble material capable of obstructing, damaging or overloading the building drainage or sewer system, or capable of interfering with the normal operation of the sewage treatment processes or private disposal system, should not be deposited into such systems.

**302.2 Industrial wastes.** Waste products from manufacturing or industrial operations shall not be introduced into the *public sewer* until it has been determined by the code official or other authority having jurisdiction that the introduction thereof will not damage the *public sewer* system or interfere with the functioning of the sewage treatment plant.

### SECTION 303 MATERIALS

**303.1 Identification.** Each length of pipe and each pipe fitting, trap, fixture, material and device utilized in a plumbing system shall bear the identification of the manufacturer, and the applicable standard to which it was manufactured.

**303.2 Installation of materials.** All materials used shall be installed in strict accordance with the standards under which the materials are accepted and *approved*. In the absence of such installation procedures, the manufacturer's installation instructions shall be followed. Where the requirements of referenced standards or manufacturer's installation instructions do not conform to minimum provisions of this code, the provisions of this code shall apply.

**303.3 Plastic pipe, fittings and components.** All plastic pipe, fittings and components shall be third-party certified as conforming to NSF 14.

**303.4 Third-party testing and certification.** All plumbing products and materials shall comply with the referenced standards, specifications and performance criteria of this code and shall be identified in accordance with Section 303.1. When required by Table 303.4, plumbing products and materials shall either be tested by an *approved* third-party testing agency or certified by an *approved third-party certification agency*.

### SECTION 304 RODENTPROOFING

**304.1 General.** Plumbing systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Sections 304.2 through 304.4 and the North Carolina Building Code, Appendix H, to prevent rodents from entering structures.

**304.2 Strainer plates.** All strainer plates on drain inlets shall be designed and installed so that all openings are not greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) in least dimension.

**304.3 Meter boxes.** Deleted.

**304.4 Openings for pipes.** In or on structures where openings have been made in walls, floors or ceilings for the passage of pipes, such openings shall be closed and protected by the installation of *approved* metal collars or other approved materials that are securely fastened to the adjoining structure.

## SECTION 305 PROTECTION OF PIPES AND PLUMBING SYSTEM COMPONENTS

**305.1 Corrosion.** Pipes passing through concrete or cinder walls and floors or other corrosive material shall be protected against external corrosion by a protective sheathing or wrapping or other means that will withstand any reaction from the lime and acid of concrete, cinder or other corrosive material. Sheathing or wrapping shall allow for movement including expansion and contraction of piping. Minimum wall thickness of material shall be 0.025 inch (0.64 mm).

**305.2 Breakage.** Pipes passing through or under walls shall be protected from breakage.

**305.3 Stress and strain.** Piping in a plumbing system shall be installed so as to prevent strains and stresses that exceed the structural strength of the pipe. Where necessary, provisions shall be made to protect piping from damage resulting from expansion, contraction and structural settlement.

**305.4 Sleeves.** Annular spaces between sleeves and pipes shall be filled or tightly caulked in an *approved* manner. Annular spaces between sleeves and pipes in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be filled or tightly caulked in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**305.5 Pipes through or under footings or foundation walls.** Any pipe that passes within 12 inches (305 mm) under a footing or through a foundation wall shall be provided with a relieving arch, or a pipe sleeve pipe shall be built into the foundation wall. The sleeve shall be two pipe sizes greater than the pipe passing through the wall. Piping shall not be run under pier footing (refer to Section 307).

**305.6 Freezing.** The top of water pipes, installed below grade outside the building, shall be below the frost line or a minimum of 12 inches (305 mm) below finished grade, whichever is greater. Water pipes installed in a wall exposed to the exterior shall be located on the heated side of the wall insulation. Water piping installed in an unconditioned attic or unconditioned utility room shall have insulation with a minimum R-factor of 6.5 determined at 75°F (24°C) in accordance with ASTM C177.

**Note:** These provisions are minimum requirements, which have been found suitable for normal weather conditions. Abnormally low temperatures for extended periods may require additional provisions to prevent freezing.

**305.6.1 Frost protection.** No traps of soil or waste pipe shall be installed or permitted outside of a building, or concealed in outside walls or in any place where they may be subjected to freezing temperatures, unless adequate provision is made to protect them from freezing. Waste and soil piping leaving the building shall have a minimum cover of 3 inches (76.2 mm).

**305.6.2 Condensing furnaces and boilers.** Where condensate drains from condensing furnaces or boilers are installed in locations subject to freezing, the condensate drain lines in attics shall be freeze protected in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

**305.7 Waterproofing of openings.** Joints at the roof and around vent pipes, shall be made water-tight by the use of lead, copper, galvanized steel, aluminum, plastic or other *approved* flashings or flashing material. Exterior wall openings shall be made water-tight.

**305.8 Protection against physical damage.** In concealed locations where piping, other than cast-iron or galvanized steel, is installed through holes or notches in studs, joists, rafters or similar members less than 1½ inches (38 mm) from the nearest edge of the member, the pipe shall be protected by steel shield plates. Such shield plates shall have a thickness of not less than 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage). Such plates shall cover the area of the pipe where the member is notched or bored, and shall extend a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm) above sole plates and below top plates.

**305.9 Protection of components of plumbing system.** Components of a plumbing system installed along alleyways, driveways, parking garages or other locations exposed to damage shall be recessed into the wall or otherwise protected in an *approved* manner.

**Exception:** One- and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

**TABLE 303.4  
PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS REQUIRING THIRD-PARTY TESTING AND THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION**

PRODUCT OR MATERIAL	THIRD-PARTY CERTIFIED	THIRD-PARTY TESTED
Potable water supply system components and potable water fixture fittings	Required	—
Sanitary drainage and vent system components	Plastic pipe, fittings and pipe-related components	All others
Waste fixture fittings	Plastic pipe, fittings and pipe-related components	All others
Storm drainage system components	Plastic pipe, fittings and pipe-related components	All others
Plumbing fixtures	—	Required
Plumbing appliances	Required	—
Backflow prevention devices	Required	—
Water distribution system safety devices	Required	—
Special waste system components	—	Required
Subsoil drainage system components	—	Required

## SECTION 306 TRENCHING, EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL

**306.1 Support of piping.** Buried piping shall be supported throughout its entire length.

**306.2 Trenching and bedding.** Where trenches are excavated such that the bottom of the trench forms the bed for the pipe, solid and continuous load-bearing support shall be provided between joints. Bell holes, hub holes and coupling holes shall be provided at points where the pipe is joined. Such pipe shall not be supported on blocks to grade. In instances where the materials manufacturer's installation instructions are more restrictive than those prescribed by the code, the material shall be installed in accordance with the more restrictive requirement.

**306.2.1 Overexcavation.** Where trenches are excavated below the installation level of the pipe such that the bottom of the trench does not form the bed for the pipe, the trench shall be backfilled to the installation level of the bottom of the pipe with sand or fine gravel placed in layers of 6 inches (152 mm) maximum depth and such backfill shall be compacted after each placement.

**306.2.2 Rock removal.** Where rock is encountered in trenching, the rock shall be removed to a minimum of 3 inches (76 mm) below the installation level of the bottom of the pipe, and the trench shall be backfilled to the installation level of the bottom of the pipe with sand tamped in place so as to provide uniform load-bearing support for the pipe between joints. The pipe, including the joints, shall not rest on rock at any point.

**306.2.3 Soft load-bearing materials.** If soft materials of poor load-bearing quality are found at the bottom of the trench, stabilization shall be achieved by overexcavating a minimum of two pipe diameters and backfilling to the installation level of the bottom of the pipe with fine gravel, crushed stone or a concrete foundation. The concrete foundation shall be bedded with sand tamped into place so as to provide uniform load-bearing support for the pipe between joints.

**306.3 Backfilling.** Backfill shall be free from discarded construction material and debris. Loose earth free from rocks, broken concrete and frozen chunks shall be placed in the trench in 6-inch (152 mm) layers and tamped in place until the crown of the pipe is covered by 12 inches (305 mm) of tamped earth. The backfill under and beside the pipe shall be compacted for pipe support. Backfill shall be brought up evenly on both sides of the pipe so that the pipe remains aligned. In instances where the manufacturer's installation instructions for materials are more restrictive than those prescribed by the code, the material shall be installed in accordance with the more restrictive requirement.

**306.4 Tunneling.** Where pipe is to be installed by tunneling, jacking or a combination of both, the pipe shall be protected from damage during installation and from subsequent uneven loading. Where earth tunnels are used, adequate supporting structures shall be provided to prevent future settling or caving.

## SECTION 307 STRUCTURAL SAFETY

**307.1 General.** In the process of installing or repairing any part of a plumbing and drainage installation, the finished floors, walls, ceilings, tile work or any other part of the building or premises that must be changed or replaced shall be left in a safe structural condition in accordance with the requirements of the *International Building Code*.

**307.2 Cutting, notching or bored holes.** A framing member shall not be cut, notched or bored in excess of limitations specified in the *International Building Code* or Appendix F in this code.

**307.3 Penetrations of floor/ceiling assemblies and fire-resistance-rated assemblies.** Penetrations of floor/ceiling assemblies and assemblies required to have a fire-resistance rating shall be protected in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**[B] 307.4 Alterations to trusses.** Truss members and components shall not be cut, drilled, notched, spliced or otherwise altered in any way without written concurrence and approval of a registered design professional. Alterations resulting in the addition of loads to any member (e.g., HVAC equipment, water heater) shall not be permitted without verification that the truss is capable of supporting such additional loading.

**307.5 Trench location.** Trenches installed parallel to footings shall not extend below the 45-degree (0.79 rad) bearing plane of the footing or wall.

**307.6 Piping materials exposed within plenums.** All piping materials exposed within plenums shall comply with the provisions of the *International Mechanical Code*.

## SECTION 308 PIPING SUPPORT

**308.1 General.** All plumbing piping shall be supported in accordance with this section.

**308.2 Piping seismic supports.** Where earthquake loads are applicable in accordance with the building code, plumbing piping supports shall be designed and installed for the seismic forces in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**308.3 Materials.** Hangers, anchors and supports shall support the piping and the contents of the piping. Hangers and strapping material shall be of *approved* material that will not promote galvanic action.

**308.4 Structural attachment.** Hangers and anchors shall be attached to the building construction in an *approved* manner.

**308.5 Interval of support.** Pipe shall be supported in accordance with Table 308.5.

**Exception:** The interval of support for piping systems designed to provide for expansion/contraction shall conform to the engineered design in accordance with Section 105.4.

**TABLE 308.5  
HANGER SPACING**

PIPING MATERIAL	MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL SPACING (feet)	MAXIMUM VERTICAL SPACING (feet)
ABS pipe	4	10 <sup>b</sup>
Aluminum tubing	10	15
Brass pipe	10	10
Cast-iron pipe	5 <sup>a</sup>	15
Copper or copper-alloy pipe	12	10
Copper or copper-alloy tubing, 1 1/4-inch diameter and smaller	6	10
Copper or copper-alloy tubing, 1 1/2-inch diameter and larger	10	10
Cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) pipe	2.67 (32 inches)	10 <sup>b</sup>
Cross-linked polyethylene/ aluminum/cross-linked polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX) pipe	2.67 (32 inches)	4
CPVC pipe or tubing, 1 inch and smaller	3	10 <sup>b</sup>
CPVC pipe or tubing, 1 1/4 inches and larger	4	10 <sup>b</sup>
Steel pipe	12	15
Lead pipe	Continuous	4
Polyethylene/aluminum/ polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) pipe	2.67 (32 inches)	4
Polypropylene (PP) pipe or tubing 1 inch and smaller	2.67 (32 inches)	10 <sup>b</sup>
Polypropylene (PP) pipe or tubing, 1 1/4 inches and larger	4	10 <sup>b</sup>
PVC pipe	4	10 <sup>b</sup>
Stainless steel drainage systems	10	10 <sup>b</sup>

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- a. The maximum horizontal spacing of cast-iron pipe hangers shall be increased to 10 feet where 10-foot lengths of pipe are installed.  
b. Midstory guide for sizes 2 inches and smaller.

**308.6 Sway bracing.** Rigid support sway bracing shall be provided at changes in direction greater than 45 degrees (0.79 rad) for pipe sizes 4 inches (102 mm) and larger.

**308.7 Anchorage.** Anchorage shall be provided to restrain drainage piping from axial movement.

**308.7.1 Location.** For plastic pipe sizes greater than 6 inches (152 mm), and other pipe sizes greater than 4 inches (102 mm), restraints shall be provided for drain pipes at all changes in direction and at all changes in diameter greater than two pipe sizes. Braces, blocks, rodding, backfill and other methods specified as suitable by the coupling manufacturer shall be utilized.

**308.8 Expansion joint fittings.** Expansion joint fittings shall be used only where necessary to provide for expansion and

contraction of the pipes. Expansion joint fittings shall be of the typical material suitable for use with the type of piping in which such fittings are installed.

**308.9 Parallel water distribution systems.** Piping bundles for manifold systems shall be supported in accordance with Table 308.5. Support at changes in direction shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Hot and cold water piping shall not be grouped in the same bundle.

**308.10 Stacks.** Bases of stacks shall be supported by the building structure, virgin or compacted earth, or other material suitable to support the weight of the piping.

## SECTION 309 FLOOD HAZARD RESISTANCE

**309.1 General.** Plumbing systems and equipment in structures erected in flood hazard areas shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of this section and the *International Building Code*.

**[B] 309.2 Flood hazard.** For structures located in flood hazard areas, the following systems and equipment shall be located at or above the *design flood elevation*.

**Exception:** The following systems are permitted to be located below the *design flood elevation* provided that the systems are designed and installed to prevent water from entering or accumulating within their components and the systems are constructed to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and stresses, including the effects of buoyancy, during the occurrence of flooding to the *design flood elevation*.

1. All water service pipes.
2. Deleted.
3. Deleted.
4. All sanitary drainage piping.
5. All storm drainage piping.
6. Manhole covers shall be sealed, except where elevated to or above the *design flood elevation*.
7. All other plumbing fixtures, faucets, fixture fittings, piping systems and equipment.
8. Water heaters.
9. Vents and vent systems.

**[B] 309.3 Flood hazard areas subject to high-velocity wave action.** Structures located in flood hazard areas subject to high-velocity wave action shall meet the requirements of Section 309.2. The plumbing systems, pipes and fixtures shall not be mounted on or penetrate through walls intended to break away under flood loads.

## SECTION 310 WASHROOM AND TOILET ROOM REQUIREMENTS

**310.1 Light and ventilation.** Washrooms and toilet rooms shall be illuminated and ventilated in accordance with the *International Building Code* and *International Mechanical*



Code. Toilet rooms shall not open directly into a room used for the preparation of food for service to the public.

**310.2 Location of fixtures and piping.** Piping, fixtures or equipment shall not be located in such a manner as to interfere with the normal operation of windows, doors or other means of egress openings.

**310.3 Interior finish.** Interior finish surfaces of toilet rooms shall comply with the *International Building Code*.

**310.4 Water closet compartment.** Each water closet utilized by the *public* or employees shall occupy a separate compartment with walls or partitions and a door enclosing the fixtures to ensure privacy.

**Exceptions:**

1. Water closet compartments shall not be required in a single-occupant toilet room with a lockable door.
2. In toilet rooms in child care facilities in areas used exclusively by children five years of age and under, the following is permitted:
  - 2.1. Toilet stall enclosures, toilet stall doors and partitions between toilets may be omitted.
  - 2.2. Doors opening into toilet rooms may be omitted.
  - 2.3. Walls enclosing toilet rooms may be full height with vision panels, or may be partial height at least 42 inches (1067 mm) high in areas for children four and five years of age and 36 inches (914 mm) high in areas for children under four years of age.
3. This provision is not applicable to toilet areas located within Group I-3 housing areas.

The toilet rooms shall meet applicable ventilation requirements for toilet areas in the *North Carolina Building Code* and the *North Carolina Mechanical Code*.

**310.5 Urinal partitions.** Each urinal utilized by the *public* or employees shall occupy a separate area with walls or partitions to provide privacy. The walls or partitions shall begin at a height not more than 12 inches (305 mm) from and extend not less than 60 inches (1524 mm) above the finished floor surface. The walls or partitions shall extend from the wall surface at each side of the urinal a minimum of 18 inches (457 mm) or to a point not less than 6 inches (152 mm) beyond the outermost front lip of the urinal measured from the finished back wall surface, whichever is greater.

**Exceptions:**

1. Urinal partitions shall not be required in a single occupant or family/assisted-use toilet room with a lockable door.
2. Toilet rooms located in day-care and child-care facilities and containing two or more urinals shall be permitted to have one urinal without partitions.

## SECTION 311 TOILET FACILITIES FOR WORKERS

**311.1 Temporary toilet facilities at construction sites.** Toilet facilities shall be provided and maintained in a sanitary condition during construction. An adequate number of facilities must be provided for the number of employees at the construction site according to the following:

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	MINIMUM NUMBER OF FACILITIES
Less than 20	1 toilet
20 to 200	1 toilet & 1 urinal per 40 workers
More than 200	1 toilet & 1 urinal per 50 workers

There shall be at least one facility for every two contiguous construction sites. Such facilities may be portable, enclosed, chemically treated, tank-tight units. Portable toilets shall be enclosed, screened and weatherproofed with internal latches.

Temporary toilet facilities need not be provided on site for crews on a job site for no more than one working day and having transportation readily available to toilet facilities.

## SECTION 312 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

**312.1 Required tests.** The permit holder shall make the applicable tests prescribed in Sections 312.2 through 312.10 to determine compliance with the provisions of this code. The permit holder shall give reasonable advance notice to the code official when the plumbing work is ready for tests. The equipment, material, power and labor necessary for the inspection and test shall be furnished by the permit holder and the permit holder shall be responsible for determining that the work will withstand the test pressure prescribed in the following tests. All plumbing system piping shall be tested with either water or air. After the plumbing fixtures have been set and their traps filled with water, the entire drainage system shall be submitted to final tests. The code official shall require the removal of any cleanouts if necessary to ascertain whether the pressure has reached all parts of the system.

**312.1.1 Test gauges.** Gauges used for testing shall be as follows:

1. Tests requiring a pressure of 10 pounds per square inch (psi) (69 kPa) or less shall utilize a testing gauge having increments of 0.10 psi (0.69 kPa) or less.
2. Tests requiring a pressure of greater than 10 psi (69 kPa) but less than or equal to 100 psi (689 kPa) shall utilize a testing gauge having increments of 1 psi (6.9 kPa) or less.
3. Tests requiring a pressure of greater than 100 psi (689 kPa) shall utilize a testing gauge having increments of 2 psi (14 kPa) or less.

**312.2 Drainage and vent water test.** A water test shall be applied to the drainage system within the building either in its entirety or in sections. If applied to the entire system, all openings in the piping shall be tightly closed, except the highest opening, and the system shall be filled with water to the point of overflow. If the system is tested in sections, each opening shall

be tightly plugged except the highest openings of the section under test, and each section shall be filled with water, but no section shall be tested with less than a 10-foot (3048 mm) head of water. In testing successive sections, at least the upper 10 feet (3048 mm) of the next preceding section shall be tested so that no joint or pipe in the building, except the uppermost 10 feet (3048 mm) of the system, shall have been submitted to a test of less than a 10-foot (3048 mm) head of water. This pressure shall be held for at least 15 minutes. The system shall then be tight at all points.

**Exception:** Rough plumbing testing for one- and two-family dwellings shall be as specified above except the water level shall be a minimum of 3 feet (914 mm) above the highest drainage fitting.

**312.3 Drainage and vent air test.** An air test shall be made by forcing air into the system until there is a uniform gauge pressure of 5 psi (34.5 kPa) or sufficient to balance a 10-inch (254 mm) column of mercury. This pressure shall be held for a test period of at least 15 minutes. Any adjustments to the test pressure required because of changes in ambient temperature or the seating of gaskets shall be made prior to the beginning of the test period.

**312.4 Drainage and vent final test.** The final test of the completed drainage and vent systems shall be visual and in sufficient detail to determine compliance with the provisions of this code. Where a smoke test is utilized, it shall be made by filling all traps with water and then introducing into the entire system a pungent, thick smoke produced by one or more smoke machines. When the smoke appears at *stack* openings on the roof, the *stack* openings shall be closed and a pressure equivalent to a 1-inch water column (248.8 Pa) shall be held for a test period of not less than 15 minutes.

**312.5 Water supply system test.** Upon completion of a section of or the entire water supply system, the system, or portion completed, shall be tested and proved tight under a water pressure not less than the working pressure of the system; or an air test of not less than 100 psi (688 kPa). This pressure shall be held for at least 15 minutes. The water utilized for tests shall be obtained from a potable source of supply. The required tests shall be performed in accordance with this section and Section 107.

**312.6 Gravity sewer test.** Deleted.

**312.7 Forced sewer test.** Deleted.

**312.8 Storm drainage system test.** *Storm drain* systems within a building shall be tested by water or air in accordance with Section 312.2 or 312.3.

**312.9 Shower liner test.** Where shower floors and receptors are made water-tight by the application of materials required by Section 417.5.2, the completed liner installation shall be tested. The pipe from the shower drain shall be plugged water tight for the test. The floor and receptor area shall be filled with potable water to a depth of not less than 2 inches (51 mm) measured at the threshold. Where a threshold of at least 2 inches (51 mm) high does not exist, a temporary threshold shall be constructed to retain the test water in the lined floor or receptor area to a level not less than 2 inches (51 mm) deep measured at the

threshold. The water shall be retained for a test period of not less than 15 minutes, and there shall not be evidence of leakage.

**312.10 Inspection and testing of backflow prevention assemblies.** Deleted.

**312.10.1 Inspections.** Deleted.

**312.10.2 Testing.** Deleted.

## SECTION 313 EQUIPMENT EFFICIENCIES

**313.1 General.** Equipment efficiencies shall be in accordance with the *International Energy Conservation Code*.

## SECTION 314 CONDENSATE DISPOSAL

**[M] 314.1 Approved location.** Approved location shall be in accordance with the *North Carolina Mechanical Code*.

**[M] 314.2 Evaporators and cooling coils.** Deleted.

**[M] 314.2.1 Condensate disposal.** Deleted.

**[M] 314.2.2 Drain pipe materials and sizes.** Deleted.

**[M] 314.2.3 Auxiliary and secondary drain systems.** Deleted.

**[M] 314.2.3.1 Water-level monitoring devices.** Deleted.

**[M] 314.2.3.2 Appliance, equipment and insulation in pans.** Deleted.

**[M] 314.2.4 Traps.** Deleted.

## SECTION 315 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

**315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms.** In new construction, one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses within which fuel-fired appliances or fireplaces are installed or that have attached garages shall be provided with an approved carbon monoxide alarm installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s) as directed by the alarm manufacturer.

**315.2 Where required—existing dwellings.** In existing dwellings, where interior alterations, repairs, or additions requiring a building permit occur, or where one or more sleeping rooms are added or created, or where fuel-fired appliances or fireplaces are added or replaced, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in accordance with Section 315.1.

**Exception:** Work involving the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck, or the installation of a fuel-fired appliance that cannot introduce carbon monoxide to the interior of the dwelling, are exempt from the requirements of this section.

**315.3 Alarm requirements.** The required carbon monoxide alarms shall be audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed. Single station carbon



monoxide alarms shall be listed as complying with UL 2034 and shall be installed in accordance with this code and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Battery-powered, plug-in, or hard-wired alarms are acceptable for use.



# CHAPTER 4

## FIXTURES, FAUCETS AND FIXTURE FITTINGS

### SECTION 401 GENERAL

**401.1 Scope.** This chapter shall govern the materials, design and installation of plumbing fixtures, faucets and fixture fittings in accordance with the type of *occupancy*, and shall provide for the minimum number of fixtures for various types of occupancies.

**401.2 Prohibited fixtures and connections.** Water closets having a concealed trap seal or an unventilated space or having walls that are not thoroughly washed at each discharge in accordance with ASME A112.19.2M shall be prohibited. Any water closet that permits siphonage of the contents of the bowl back into the tank shall be prohibited. Trough urinals shall be prohibited.

**401.3 Water conservation.** The maximum water flow rates and flush volume for plumbing fixtures and fixture fittings shall comply with Section 604.4.

### SECTION 402 FIXTURE MATERIALS

**402.1 Quality of fixtures.** Plumbing fixtures shall be constructed of *approved* materials, with smooth, impervious surfaces, free from defects and concealed fouling surfaces, and shall conform to standards cited in this code. All porcelain enameled surfaces on plumbing fixtures shall be acid resistant.

**402.2 Materials for specialty fixtures.** Materials for specialty fixtures not otherwise covered in this code shall be of stainless steel, soapstone, chemical stoneware or plastic, or shall be lined with lead, copper-base alloy, nickel-copper alloy, corrosion-resistant steel or other material especially suited to the application for which the fixture is intended.

**402.3 Sheet copper.** Sheet copper for general applications shall conform to ASTM B 152 and shall not weigh less than 12 ounces per square foot (3.7 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

**402.4 Sheet lead.** Sheet lead for pans shall not weigh less than 4 pounds per square foot (19.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) coated with an asphalt paint or other *approved* coating.

### SECTION 403 MINIMUM PLUMBING FACILITIES

**403.1 Minimum number of fixtures.** In new construction or building additions and in changes of occupancy as defined in the *North Carolina Building Code*, plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Table 403.1. Types of occupancies not shown in Table 403.1 shall be considered individually by the code official. The number of occupants shall be determined by the *International Building Code*. Occupancy classification shall be determined in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**TABLE 403.1**  
**MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED PLUMBING FIXTURES<sup>a</sup>**  
(See Sections 403.2 and 403.3)

NO.	CLASSIFICATION	OCCUPANCY	DESCRIPTION	WATER CLOSETS (URINALS SEE SECTION 419.2) <sup>j</sup>		LAVATORIES <sup>j</sup>		BATHTUBS/ SHOWERS	DRINKING FOUNTAIN (SEE SECTION 410.1) <sup>j</sup>	OTHER <sup>a</sup>
				MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE			
1	Assembly (see Sections 403.2, 403.5 and 403.6)	A-1 <sup>d</sup>	Theaters usually with fixed seats and other buildings for the performing arts and motion pictures	1 per 125	1 per 65	1 per 200		—	1 per 500	—
			Theaters in K-12 schools <sup>i</sup>	1 per 125	1 per 100	1 per 200		—	1 per 500	1 service sink
		A-2 <sup>d</sup>	Nightclubs, bars, taverns, dance halls and buildings for similar purposes	1 per 40	1 per 40	1 per 75		—	1 per 500	—
			Restaurants, banquet halls and food courts	1 per 75	1 per 75	1 per 200		—	1 per 500	1 service sink <sup>h</sup>
			Cafeterias in K-12 schools <sup>i</sup>	1 per 125	1 per 100	1 per 200		—	1 per 500	1 service sink
		A-3 <sup>d</sup>	Auditoriums without permanent seating, art galleries, exhibition halls, museums, lecture halls, libraries, arcades and gymnasiums	1 per 125	1 per 65	1 per 200		—	1 per 500	—
			Gymnasiums in K-12 schools <sup>i</sup>	1 per 125	1 per 100	1 per 200		—	1 per 500	1 service sink
			Passenger terminals and transportation facilities	1 per 500	1 per 500	1 per 750		—	1 per 1,000	1 service sink
			Places of worship and other religious services. Churches without assembly halls <sup>e</sup>	1 per 150	1 per 75	1 per 200		—	1 per 1,000	—

(continued)

**TABLE 403.1—continued**  
**MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED PLUMBING FIXTURES<sup>a</sup>**  
**(See Sections 403.2 and 403.3)**

NO.	CLASSIFICATION	OCCUPANCY	DESCRIPTION	WATER CLOSETS (URINALS SEE SECTION 419.2) <sup>d</sup>		LAVATORIES <sup>d</sup>		BATHTUBS/ SHOWERS	DRINKING FOUNTAIN (SEE SECTION 410.1) <sup>d</sup>	OTHER <sup>a</sup>
				MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE			
1 <i>cont'd</i>	Assembly (see Sections 403.2, 403.5 and 403.6) <i>cont'd</i>	A-4	Coliseums, arenas, skating rinks, pools and tennis courts for indoor sporting events and activities	1 per 75 for the first 1,500 and 1 per 120 for the remainder	1 per 40 for the first 1,520 and 1 per 60 for the remainder	1 per 200	1 per 150	—	1 per 1,000	—
		A-5	Stadiums, amusement parks, bleachers and grandstands for outdoor sporting events and activities <sup>k</sup>	1 per 75 for the first 1,500 and 1 per 120 for the remainder	1 per 40 for the first 1,520 and 1 per 60 for the remainder	1 per 200	1 per 150	—	1 per 1,000	—
			<u>K-12 stadiums, bleachers and grandstands for outdoor sporting events and activities<sup>l,k</sup></u>	<u>1 per 125</u>	<u>1 per 100</u>	<u>1 per 250</u>	<u>1 per 200</u>		<u>1 per 1,000</u>	—
2	Business (see Sections 403.2, 403.4 and 403.6)	B	Buildings for the transaction of business, professional services, other services involving merchandise, office buildings, banks, light industrial and similar uses	1 per 25 for first 50 occupants and 1 per 50 for remaining occupants exceeding 50		1 per 40 for first 80 occupants and 1 per 80 for remaining occupants exceeding 80		—	<u>25-100 1</u> <u>101-250 2</u> <u>251-500 3</u> <u>add 1 per 500 exceeding 500</u>	—
3	Educational <sup>i</sup>	E <sup>b</sup>	<u>K-8 through 12 Teacher/Staff</u>	<u>1 per 25</u> <u>1 per 30</u> <u>1 per 30</u>	<u>1 per 25</u> <u>1 per 25</u> <u>1 per 25</u>	<u>1 per 60</u> <u>1 per 100</u> <u>1 per 100</u>		—	<u>1 per 100</u>	—
4	Factory and Industrial	F-1 and F-2	Structures in which occupants are engaged in work fabricating, assembly or processing of products or materials (see Section 403.3.1 for adjustments in occupant content)	(See OSHA 29 CFR paragraph 1910.141)				(see Section 411)	1 per 400	—
5	Institutional	I-1	Residential care	1 per 10		1 per 10		1 per 8	—	—
		I-2	<u>Hospitals and other health-care facilities<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>Fixture requirements are regulated and enforced by state licensing and certification jurisdictions only.</u>						
			Employees	1 per 25		1 per 35		—	1 per 100	—
			Visitors	1 per 75		1 per 100		—	1 per 500	—
		I-3	Prisons <sup>b</sup>	<u>Fixture requirements are regulated and enforced by state licensing and certification jurisdictions only.</u>						
			Reformatories, detention centers, and correctional centers <sup>b</sup>	<u>Fixture requirements are regulated and enforced by state licensing and certification jurisdictions only.</u>						
			Employees	1 per 25		1 per 35		—	1 per 100	—
			Visitors	1 per 75		1 per 100		—	1 per 500	—
		I-4	<u>Adult day care</u>	<u>Fixture requirements are regulated and enforced by state licensing and certification jurisdictions only.</u>						
			<u>Child care<sup>b</sup></u>	1 per 15		1 per 25		—	—	—
			<u>Employees</u>	1 per 25		1 per 35		—	1 per 100	—
			Visitors	1 per 75		1 per 100		—	1 per 500	—

**TABLE 403.1—continued**  
**MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED PLUMBING FIXTURES<sup>a</sup>**  
**(See Sections 403.2 and 403.3)**

NO.	CLASSIFICATION	OCCUPANCY	DESCRIPTION	WATER CLOSETS (URINALS SEE SECTION 419.2) <sup>d</sup>		LAVATORIES <sup>d</sup>		BATHTUBS/ SHOWERS	DRINKING FOUNTAIN (SEE SECTION 410.1) <sup>d</sup>	OTHER <sup>a</sup>
				MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE			
6	Mercantile (see Sections 403.2, 403.5, 403.6)	M	Retail stores, service stations, shops, salesrooms, markets and shopping centers	1 per 500		1 per 750		—	100 - 1,000 1 greater than 1,000 require 1 more for each additional 1,000	—
7	Residential	R-1	Hotels, motels, boarding houses (transient)	1 per guestroom		1 per guestroom		1 per guestroom	—	—
		R-2	Dormitories, fraternities, sororities and boarding houses (nontransient)	1 per 10		1 per 10		1 per 8	1 per 100	—
			Apartment house	1 per dwelling unit		1 per dwelling unit		1 per dwelling unit	—	1 kitchen sink per dwelling unit; 1 automatic clothes washer connection per 20 dwelling units
			One- and two-family dwellings	1 per dwelling unit		1 per dwelling unit		1 per dwelling unit	—	1 kitchen sink per dwelling unit <sup>f</sup>
			Residential care/unlicensed assisted living facilities	1 per 10		1 per 10		1 per 8	—	—
8	Storage (see Sections 403.2 and 403.4)	S-1 S-2	Structures for the storage of goods, warehouses, storehouse and freight depots, low and moderate hazard <sup>m,n</sup>	1 per 100		1 per 100		See Section 411	—	—

- a. The fixtures shown are based on one fixture being the minimum required for the number of persons indicated or any fraction of the number of persons indicated. The number of occupants shall be determined by the *International Building Code*.
- b. Toilet facilities for employees shall be separate from facilities for inmates, students or patients.
- c. A single-occupant toilet room with one water closet and one lavatory serving not more than two adjacent patient rooms shall be permitted where such room is provided with direct access from each patient room and with provisions for privacy.
- d. The occupant load for seasonal outdoor seating and entertainment areas shall be included when determining the minimum number of facilities required.
- e. The number of fixtures provided shall be based on either the capacity of the church sanctuary or the church educational building, whichever is larger and within 300 feet (91.44) m.
- f. For attached one- and two-family dwellings, one automatic clothes washer connection shall be required per 20 dwelling units.
- g. A mop receptacle with a water supply, or a hose bib and floor drain, may be used in lieu of a service sink.
- h. A can wash may be used in lieu of a service sink.
- i. See Section 403.9 for additional information on plumbing fixtures for schools.
- j. When the rearrangement of an area or space increases the occupant content, the plumbing facilities shall be increased in accordance with this code.
- k. For baseball stadiums, the number of fixtures shall be reduced by 50 percent.
- l. Service sink may be omitted when located within a single-family dwelling.
- m. Self-service mini-storage facilities without an office area are exempt.
- n. Unheated storage buildings which are used periodically are not required to have toilet rooms.

**403.1.1 Fixture calculations.** To determine the occupant load of each sex, the total occupant load shall be divided in half. To determine the required number of fixtures, the fixture ratio or ratios for each fixture type shall be applied to the occupant load of each sex in accordance with Table 403.1. Fractional numbers resulting from applying the fixture ratios of Table 403.1 shall be rounded up to the next whole number. For calculations involving multiple *occupancies*, such fractional numbers for each *occupancy* shall first be summed and then rounded up to the next whole number.

**Exceptions:**

1. The total occupant load shall not be required to be divided in half where *approved* statistical data indicates a distribution of the sexes of other than 50 percent of each sex.
2. In buildings that contain dwellings or sleeping units that have a pool dedicated to the residents, a percentage reduction of the total required fixtures provided for a pool and pool deck without bleachers and grandstands may be taken equal to the percentage of total residential units whose entries fall within 500 feet of the pool deck.

**403.1.2 Family or assisted-use toilet and bath fixtures.**

Fixtures located within family or assisted-use toilet and bathing rooms required by Section 1109.2.1 of the *International Building Code* are permitted to be included in the number of required fixtures for either the male or female occupants in assembly and mercantile *occupancies*.

**403.2 Separate facilities.** Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

**Exceptions:**

1. Separate facilities shall not be required for dwelling units and sleeping units.
2. Separate facilities shall not be required in structures or tenant spaces with a total occupant load, including both employees and customers, of 25 or less.
3. Separate facilities shall not be required in mercantile *occupancies* in which the maximum occupant load is 100 or less.
4. Except as provided in Section 405.3.2.
5. Where the code requires only one toilet facility for each sex, two unisex facilities may be substituted for separate sex facilities.

**403.3 Adjustments in occupant content.** If an owner or tenant requests, the plumbing official shall make adjustments in the occupant content established by Table 403.1 for manufacturing, workshops, loft building, foundries, storage, aircraft hangars, garages and similar establishments. The owner or occupant shall provide written data accompanied by plans that substantiates a claim that the occupant content of a particular building or tenancy will, at all times, be less than provided for in the above table. Approval of such data and accompanying claims shall not prevent the plumbing official from requiring additional facilities based on the above table, should changes be made affecting the floor plan upon which the original approval was based whether such changes be made by the orig-

inal or ultimate owner or building occupant or occupants. The remainder of the facilities requirements of Section 403.2 are not affected by this paragraph.

**403.4 Location of employee toilet facilities in occupancies other than assembly or mercantile.** Access to toilet facilities in occupancies other than mercantile and assembly occupancies shall be from within the employees' working area. Employee facilities shall be either separate facilities or combined employee and public facilities.

**Exception:** Facilities that are required for employees in storage structures or kiosks, and are located in adjacent structures under the same ownership, lease or control, shall be a maximum travel distance of 500 feet (152 m) from the employees' working area.

**403.4.1 Travel distance.** The required toilet facilities in occupancies other than assembly or mercantile shall be located not more than one story above or below the employees' working area and the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet (152 m).

**Exception:** The location and maximum travel distances to required employee toilet facilities in factory and industrial occupancies are permitted to exceed that required in Section 403.4.1, provided that the location and maximum travel distance are approved by the code official.

**403.5 Location of employee toilet facilities in mercantile and assembly occupancies.** Employees shall be provided with toilet facilities in buildings and tenant spaces utilized as restaurants, nightclubs, places of public assembly and mercantile occupancies. The employee facilities shall be either separate facilities or combined employee and public facilities. The required toilet facilities shall be located not more than one story above or below the employees' work area and the path of travel to such facilities, in other than covered malls, shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet (152 m). The path of travel to required facilities in covered malls shall not exceed a distance of 300 feet (91 440 mm).

**Exception:** Employee toilet facilities shall not be required in tenant spaces where the travel distance from the main entrance of the tenant space to a central toilet area does not exceed 300 feet (91 440 mm) and such central toilet facilities are located not more than one story above or below the tenant space.

**403.6 Public facilities.** Customers, patrons and visitors shall be provided with public toilet facilities in structures and tenant spaces intended for public utilization. Public toilet facilities shall be located not more than one story above or below the space required to be provided with public toilet facilities and the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet (152 m).

**403.6.1 Covered malls.** In covered mall buildings, the path of travel to required toilet facilities shall not exceed a distance of 300 feet (91 440 mm). Facilities shall be installed in each individual store or in a central toilet area located in accordance with this section. The maximum travel distance to the central toilet facilities in covered mall buildings shall



be measured from the main entrance of any store or tenant space.

**403.6.2 Pay facilities.** Where pay facilities are installed, such facilities shall be in excess of the required minimum facilities. Required facilities shall be free of charge.

**403.6.3 Picnic shelters.** Where picnic shelters that are less than 750-square feet (70-square meters) in aggregate area are installed in a community recreation area, and parking is neither provided nor required, public toilet facilities are not required. The travel distance to the dwellings served shall not be limited.

**403.7 Signage.** Required public facilities shall be designated by a legible sign for each sex. Signs shall be visible and located near the entrance to each toilet facility.

**403.8 Multiplex theaters.** Plumbing fixtures for multiple adjoining motion picture theaters with a common lobby shall be based upon the seating capacity of the largest single auditorium plus 50 percent of the seats in the remaining auditoriums.

#### **403.9 Plumbing fixtures for public schools.**

**403.9.1 Occupant content.** Occupant content of public schools for the purpose of determining the number of required facilities shall be the maximum legal class size multiplied by the number of classrooms. A public school classroom is a room or space 500 square feet (46.5 m<sup>2</sup>) or larger normally used for instructional purposes. Maximum class sizes are 29 students for grades K through 9 and 33 students for grades 10 through 12 (GS 115C-301). The occupant load for private schools shall be as listed in Table 1004.1.2 of the *North Carolina Building Code*.

**403.9.2 Occupant load and distance.** The total student occupant load shall be the sum of the occupant loads for all classrooms, labs, shops and vocational spaces. The total occupant load for all buildings on a campus may be utilized when calculating the total number of fixtures required. Toilet facilities for students and teachers may be located in an adjacent building but shall be located so that no person will have more than 200 feet (61 m) of accessible, covered horizontal travel distance from any classroom lab, shop or vocational space closest door for access to the required number of fixtures. The occupant content of kindergarten and first grade classrooms with internal toilet facilities is not required to be used in determining the number of group facilities for the entire school.

**403.9.3 Occupant load for teachers and staff.** Fixtures provided for teachers and staff shall be determined by multiplying the number of classrooms by 1.75. Staffing ratio for grades K through 8 is 80-percent female and 20-percent male. Staffing ratio for grades 9 through 12 is 70-percent female and 30-percent male.

**403.9.4 Gymnasiums, cafeterias, auditoriums and stadiums for schools.** Fixtures in group toilet facilities provided for classroom areas may be used toward satisfying the total number of required fixtures for gymnasiums, cafeterias and auditoriums, provided that such facilities are located within 200 feet (61 m) from the space and cannot be locked off

from access during after-school-hours' use of the gymnasium, cafeteria or auditorium. Simultaneous use of classrooms, gymnasium, cafeteria or auditoriums shall not be considered for calculation of occupant loads for toilet fixtures. Stadium facilities shall be located within 400 feet (122 m) of the closest bleacher exit from each set of bleachers that the facility serves.

#### **403.9.5 Miscellaneous provisions.**

**403.9.5.1 Unisex facilities.** A single unisex facility may be used when the classroom area served is 1,200 square feet (112 m<sup>2</sup>) or less and is used either for K through grade 2 or is a modular classroom used for any grade level. Unisex facilities may be provided for teacher/staff if their total occupant load within 200 feet (61 m) is 15 or less.

**403.9.5.2 Student group facilities.** Every public school group facility shall have a minimum of four flushing type fixtures. Four flushing male group toilets shall have a minimum of two water closets.

**403.9.5.3 Substitutions.** Water closets may be substituted for urinals for grades K through 2. Urinals may be substituted for water closets in male group toilet rooms for teachers/staff and gyms, auditoriums, cafeterias or stadiums. The number of water closets shall not be reduced to less than one-third of the required total number of flushing fixtures.

**403.9.5.4 Modular classroom buildings.** Toilet rooms may be omitted in a modular classroom building when facilities of sufficient capacity for the additional occupants are provided in an adjacent building and located within 200 feet (61 m) of horizontal travel distance from the modular classroom.

**403.9.5.5 Temporary modular classroom buildings.** Toilet rooms may be omitted in modular classroom buildings housing grades 9 through 12 when these temporary buildings are to be replaced by permanent facilities which are under contract. Facilities of sufficient capacity for the additional occupants shall be provided within 450 feet (137 m) of horizontal travel distance from the modular classroom.

## **SECTION 404 ACCESSIBLE PLUMBING FACILITIES**

**404.1 Where required.** Accessible plumbing facilities and fixtures shall be provided in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

## **SECTION 405 INSTALLATION OF FIXTURES**

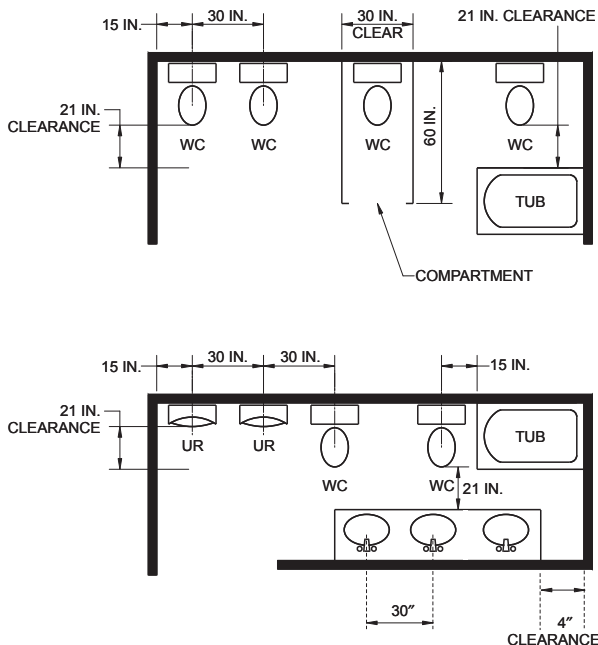
**405.1 Water supply protection.** The supply lines and fittings for every plumbing fixture shall be installed so as to prevent backflow.

**405.2 Access for cleaning.** Plumbing fixtures shall be installed so as to afford easy access for cleaning both the fixture and the area around the fixture.

**405.3 Setting.** Fixtures shall be set level and in proper alignment with reference to adjacent walls.

**405.3.1 Water closets, urinals, lavatories and bidets.** A water closet, urinal, lavatory or bidet shall not be set closer than 15 inches (381 mm) from its center to any side wall, partition, vanity or other obstruction, or closer than 30 inches (762 mm) center-to-center between adjacent fixtures. There shall be at least a 21-inch (533 mm) clearance in front of the water closet, urinal, lavatory or bidet to any wall, fixture or door. Water closet compartments shall not be less than 30 inches (762 mm) wide and 60 inches (1524 mm) deep (see Figure 405.3.1).

**Exception:** For one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, see the *North Carolina Residential Code*, Figure R307.1 for minimum fixture clearances.



For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**FIGURE 405.3.1  
FIXTURE CLEARANCE**

**405.3.2 Public lavatories.** In employee and public toilet rooms, the required lavatory shall be located in the same room as the required water closet, except in Education K through 5, lavatories may be provided in a common toilet room vestibule, visible from the corridor.

**405.4 Floor and wall drainage connections.** Connections between the drain and floor outlet plumbing fixtures shall be made with a floor flange. The flange shall be attached to the drain and anchored to the structure. Connections between the drain and wall-hung water closets shall be made with an *approved* extension nipple or horn adaptor. The water closet shall be bolted to the hanger with corrosion-resistant bolts or screws. Joints shall be sealed with an *approved* elastomeric

gasket, flange-to-fixture connection complying with ASME A112.4.3 or an *approved* setting compound.

**405.4.1 Floor flanges.** Floor flanges for water closets or similar fixtures shall not be less than 0.125 inch (3.2 mm) thick for brass, 0.25 inch (6.4 mm) thick for plastic, and 0.25 inch (6.4 mm) thick and not less than a 2-inch (51 mm) caulking depth for cast-iron or galvanized malleable iron.

Floor flanges of hard lead shall weigh not less than 1 pound, 9 ounces (0.7 kg) and shall be composed of lead alloy with not less than 7.75-percent antimony by weight. Flanges shall be secured to the building structure with corrosion-resistant screws or bolts.

**405.4.2 Securing floor outlet fixtures.** Floor outlet fixtures shall be secured to the floor or floor flanges by screws or bolts of corrosion-resistant material.

**405.4.3 Securing wall-hung water closet bowls.** Wall-hung water closet bowls shall be supported by a concealed metal carrier that is attached to the building structural members so that strain is not transmitted to the closet connector or any other part of the plumbing system. The carrier shall conform to ASME A112.6.1M or ASME A112.6.2.

**405.5 Water-tight joints.** Joints formed where fixtures come in contact with walls or floors shall be sealed.

**405.6 Plumbing in mental health centers.** Deleted.

**405.7 Design of overflows.** Where any fixture is provided with an overflow, the waste shall be designed and installed so that standing water in the fixture will not rise in the overflow when the stopper is closed, and no water will remain in the overflow when the fixture is empty.

**405.7.1 Connection of overflows.** The overflow from any fixture shall discharge into the drainage system on the inlet or fixture side of the trap.

**Exception:** The overflow from a flush tank serving a water closet or urinal shall discharge into the fixture served.

**405.8 Slip joint connections.** Slip joints shall be made with an *approved* elastomeric gasket and shall only be installed on the trap outlet, trap inlet and within the trap seal. Fixtures with concealed slip-joint connections shall be provided with an *access* panel or utility space at least 12 inches (305 mm) in its smallest dimension or other *approved* arrangement so as to provide *access* to the slip joint connections for inspection and repair. Where such access cannot be provided, access doors shall not be required, provided that all joints are soldered, solvent cemented or screwed to form a solid connection.

**405.9 Design and installation of plumbing fixtures.** Integral fixture fitting mounting surfaces on manufactured plumbing fixtures or plumbing fixtures constructed on site, shall meet the design requirements of ASME A112.19.2M or ASME A112.19.3M.

## SECTION 406 AUTOMATIC CLOTHES WASHERS

**406.1 Approval.** Domestic automatic clothes washers shall conform to ASSE 1007.

**406.2 Water connection.** The water supply to an automatic clothes washer shall be protected against backflow by an *air gap* installed integrally within the machine conforming to ASSE 1007 or with the installation of a backflow preventer in accordance with Section 608.

**406.3 Waste connection.** The waste from an automatic clothes washer shall connect to a vertical drain of not less than 2 inches (51 mm) in diameter, or a horizontal drain of not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter. The 2-inch (51 mm) trap in the waste connection may be used as a cleanout for both the 2-inch (51 mm) and the 3-inch (76 mm). Automatic clothes washers that discharge by gravity shall be permitted to drain to a waste receptor or an approved trench drain.

### SECTION 407 BATHTUBS

**407.1 Approval.** Bathtubs shall conform to ANSI Z124.1, ASME A112.19.1M, ASME A112.19.4M, ASME A112.19.9M, CSA B45.2, CSA B45.3 or CSA B45.5.

**407.2 Bathtub waste outlets.** Bathtubs shall have waste outlets a minimum of 1½ inches (38 mm) in diameter. The waste outlet shall be equipped with an *approved* stopper.

**407.3 Glazing.** Windows and doors within a bathtub enclosure shall conform to the safety glazing requirements of the *International Building Code*.

**407.4 Bathtub enclosure.** Doors within a bathtub enclosure shall conform to ASME A112.19.15.

### SECTION 408 BIDETS

**408.1 Approval.** Bidets shall conform to ASME A112.19.2M, ASME A112.19.9M or CSA B45.1.

**408.2 Water connection.** The water supply to a bidet shall be protected against backflow by an *air gap* or backflow preventer in accordance with Section 608.13.1, 608.13.2, 608.13.3, 608.13.5, 608.13.6 or 608.13.8.

**408.3 Bidet water temperature.** Deleted.

### SECTION 409 DISHWASHING MACHINES

**409.1 Approval.** Domestic dishwashing machines shall conform to ASSE 1006. Commercial dishwashing machines shall conform to ASSE 1004 and NSF 3.

**409.2 Water connection.** The water supply to a dishwashing machine shall be protected against backflow by an *air gap* or backflow preventer in accordance with Section 608.

**409.3 Waste connection.** The waste connection of a dishwashing machine shall comply with Section 802.1.6 or 802.1.7, as applicable.

### SECTION 410 DRINKING FOUNTAINS

**410.1 Approval.** Drinking fountains shall conform to ASME A112.19.1M, ASME A112.19.2M or ASME A112.19.9M and water coolers shall conform to ARI 1010. Drinking fountains and water coolers shall conform to NSF 61, Section 9. Where water is served in restaurants, night clubs, taverns, or bars, drinking fountains shall not be required.

**410.2 Prohibited location.** Drinking fountains, water coolers and bottled water dispensers shall not be installed in *public* restrooms.

### SECTION 411 EMERGENCY SHOWERS AND EYEWASH STATIONS

**411.1 Approval.** Emergency showers and eyewash stations shall conform to ISEA Z358.1.

**411.2 Waste connection.** Waste connections shall not be required for emergency showers and eyewash stations.

### SECTION 412 FLOOR AND TRENCH DRAINS

**412.1 Approval.** Floor drains shall conform to ASME A112.3.1, ASME A112.6.3 or CSA B79. Trench drains shall comply with ASME A112.6.3.

**412.2 Floor drains.** Floor drains shall have removeable strain-ers. The floor drain shall be constructed so that the drain is capable of being cleaned. *Access* shall be provided to the drain inlet. Ready *access* shall be provided to floor drains.

**Exception:** Floor drains serving refrigerated display cases shall be provided with *access*.

**412.3 Size of floor drains.** Floor drains shall have a minimum 2-inch-diameter (51 mm) drain outlet.

**412.4 Public laundries and central washing facilities.** In public coin-operated laundries and in the central washing facilities of multiple-family dwellings, the rooms containing automatic clothes washers shall be provided with floor drains located to readily drain the entire floor area. Such drains shall have a minimum outlet of not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter.

**412.5 Location.** Floor drains shall be located to drain the entire floor area.

**412.6 Trap primers.** The water seal of floor drain traps shall be maintained in conformance to Section 1002.4, Trap seals, or another method acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

**Exception:** Hose bibbs located in rooms with nonabsorbent floors may be used in lieu of an automatic trap primer.

### SECTION 413 FOOD WASTE GRINDER UNITS

**413.1 Approval.** Domestic food waste grinders shall conform to ASSE 1008. Commercial food waste grinders shall conform



to ASSE 1009. Food waste grinders shall not increase the *drainage fixture unit* load on the sanitary drainage system.

**413.2 Domestic food waste grinder waste outlets.** Domestic food waste grinders shall be connected to a drain of not less than 1½ inches (38 mm) in diameter.

**413.3 Commercial food waste grinder waste outlets.** Commercial food waste grinders shall be connected to a drain not less than 1½ inches (38 mm) in diameter. Commercial food waste grinders shall be connected and trapped separately from any other fixtures or sink compartments.

**413.4 Water supply required.** All food waste grinders shall be provided with a supply of cold water. The water supply shall be protected against backflow by an *air gap* or backflow preventer in accordance with Section 608.

#### SECTION 414 GARBAGE CAN WASHERS

**414.1 Water connection.** The water supply to a garbage can washer shall be protected against backflow by an *air gap* or a backflow preventer in accordance with Section 608.13.1, 608.13.2, 608.13.3, 608.13.5, 608.13.6 or 608.13.8.

**414.2 Waste connection.** Garbage can washers shall be trapped separately. The receptacle receiving the waste from the washer shall have a removable basket or strainer to prevent the discharge of of particles ½ inch (12.3 mm) or larger into the drainage system.

#### SECTION 415 LAUNDRY TRAYS

**415.1 Approval.** Laundry trays shall conform to ANSI Z124.6, ASME A112.19.1M, ASME A112.19.3M, ASME A112.19.9M, CSA B45.2 or CSA B45.4.

**415.2 Waste outlet.** Each compartment of a laundry tray shall be provided with a waste outlet a minimum of 1½ inches (38 mm) in diameter and a strainer or crossbar to restrict the clear opening of the waste outlet.

#### SECTION 416 LAVATORIES

**416.1 Approval.** Lavatories shall conform to ANSI Z124.3, ASME A112.19.1M, ASME A112.19.2M, ASME A112.19.3M, ASME A112.19.4M, ASME A112.19.9M, CSA B45.1, CSA B45.2, CSA B45.3 or CSA B45.4. Group wash-up equipment shall conform to the requirements of Section 402. Every 20 inches (508 mm) of rim space shall be considered as one lavatory.

**416.2 Cultured marble lavatories.** Cultured marble vanity tops with an integral lavatory shall conform to ANSI Z124.3 or CSA B45.5.

**416.3 Lavatory waste outlets.** Lavatories shall have waste outlets not less than 1¼ inches (32 mm) in diameter. A strainer, pop-up stopper, crossbar or other device shall be provided to restrict the clear opening of the waste outlet.

**416.4 Moveable lavatory systems.** Moveable lavatory systems shall comply with ASME A112.19.12.

**416.5 Tempered water for public hand-washing facilities.** When hot water is provided to a public hand-washing facility, such water shall be tempered water delivered through an approved water-temperature limiting device that conforms to ASSE 1070 or CSA B125.3.

#### SECTION 417 SHOWERS

**417.1 Approval.** Prefabricated showers and shower compartments shall conform to ANSI Z124.1.2, ASME A112.19.9M or CSA B45.5. Shower valves for individual showers shall conform to the requirements of Section 424.3.

**417.2 Water supply riser.** Water supply risers from the shower valve to the shower head outlet, whether exposed or concealed, shall be attached to the structure. The attachment to the structure shall be made by the use of support devices designed for use with the specific piping material or by fittings anchored with screws.

**417.3 Shower waste outlet.** Waste outlets serving showers shall be at least 2 inches (51 mm) in diameter and, for other than waste outlets in bathtubs, shall have removable strainers not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter with strainer openings not less than ¼ inch (6.4 mm) in minimum dimension. Where each shower space is not provided with an individual waste outlet, the waste outlet shall be located and the floor pitched so that waste from one shower does not flow over the floor area serving another shower. Waste outlets shall be fastened to the waste pipe in an *approved* manner.

**Exception:** Retaining pre-existing 1½ inch (12.3 mm) in diameter waste outlets shall be permitted when removing an existing bathtub and installing in its place a shower.

**417.4 Shower compartments.** Shower compartments shall conform to Table 417.4 and shall have approved shower pan material or the equivalent thereof as determined by the plumbing official. The pan shall turn up on three sides at least 2 inches (51 mm) above the finished curb level. The remaining side shall wrap over the curb. Shower drains shall be constructed with a clamping device so that the pan may be securely fastened to the shower drain thereby making a water-tight joint. Shower drains shall have an approved weephole device system to ensure constant drainage of water from the shower pan to the sanitary drainage system. There shall be a water-tight joint between the shower and drain and trap. Shower receptacle waste outlets shall be not less than 2 inches (51 mm) and shall have a removable strainer.

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Shower compartments with prefabricated receptors conforming to the standards listed in Table 417.4.
2. Where load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membranes meeting ANSI A118.10 are used, integrated bonding flange drains shall be approved. Clamping devices and weepholes are not required where shower drains include an integrated bonding flange. Manufacturer's installation instructions shall be followed to achieve a

watertight seal between the bonded waterproof membrane and the integrated bonding flange drain. Integrated bonding flange drains shall conform to ASME A112.6.3, ASME A112.18.2/CSA B125.2, or CSA B79.

**TABLE 417.4**  
**PREFABRICATED SHOWER**  
**RECEPTOR STANDARDS MATERIALS STANDARDS**

Plastic shower receptors and shower stalls	ANSI Z124.1.2
Shower pans, nonmetallic	ASTM D 4551. See Section 303.8

**417.4.1 Wall area.** The wall area above built-in tubs with installed shower heads and in shower compartments shall be constructed of smooth, noncorrosive and nonabsorbent waterproof materials to a height not less than 6 feet (1829 mm) above the room floor level, and not less than 70 inches (1778 mm) where measured from the compartment floor at the drain. Such walls shall form a water-tight joint with each other and with either the tub, receptor or shower floor.

**417.4.2 Access.** Deleted.

**417.5 Shower floors or receptors.** Floor surfaces shall be constructed of impervious, noncorrosive, nonabsorbent and waterproof materials.

**417.5.1 Support.** Floors or receptors under shower compartments shall be laid on, and supported by, a smooth and structurally sound base.

**417.5.2 Shower lining.** Floors under shower compartments, except where prefabricated receptors have been provided, shall be lined and made water tight utilizing material complying with Sections 417.5.2.1 through 417.5.2.5. Such liners shall turn up on all sides at least 2 inches (51 mm) above the finished threshold level. Liners shall be recessed and fastened to an *approved* backing so as not to occupy the space required for wall covering, and shall not be nailed or perforated at any point less than 1 inch (25 mm) above the finished threshold. Liners shall be securely fastened to the waste outlet at the seepage entrance, making a water-tight joint between the liner and the outlet. Liners shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

**Exceptions:**

1. Floor surfaces under shower heads provided for rinsing laid directly on the ground are not required to comply with this section.
2. Where a sheet-applied, load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membrane is installed as the shower lining, the membrane shall not be required to be recessed.

**417.5.2.1 PVC sheets.** Plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC) sheets shall be a minimum of 0.040 inch (1.02 mm) thick, and shall meet the requirements of ASTM D 4551. Sheets shall be joined by solvent welding in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**417.5.2.2 Chlorinated polyethylene (CPE) sheets.** Nonplasticized chlorinated polyethylene sheet shall be a minimum 0.040 inch (1.02 mm) thick, and shall meet the

requirements of ASTM D 4068. The liner shall be joined in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**417.5.2.3 Sheet lead.** Sheet lead shall not weigh less than 4 pounds per square foot (19.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) coated with an asphalt paint or other *approved* coating. The lead sheet shall be insulated from conducting substances other than the connecting drain by 15-pound (6.80 kg) asphalt felt or its equivalent. Sheet lead shall be joined by burning.

**417.5.2.4 Sheet copper.** Sheet copper shall conform to ASTM B 152 and shall not weigh less than 12 ounces per square foot (3.7 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). The copper sheet shall be insulated from conducting substances other than the connecting drain by 15-pound (6.80 kg) asphalt felt or its equivalent. Sheet copper shall be joined by brazing or soldering.

**417.5.2.5 Sheet-applied, load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membranes.** Sheet-applied, load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membranes shall meet requirements of ANSI A118.10 and shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**417.5.2.6 Liquid-type, trowel-applied, load-bearing, bonded waterproof materials.** Liquid-type, trowel-applied, load-bearing, bonded waterproof materials shall meet the requirements of ANSI A118.10 and shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**417.6 Glazing.** Windows and doors within a shower enclosure shall conform to the safety glazing requirements of the *International Building Code*.

## SECTION 418 SINKS

**418.1 Approval.** Sinks shall conform to ANSI Z124.6, ASME A112.19.1M, ASME A112.19.2M, ASME A112.19.3M, ASME A112.19.4M, ASME A112.19.9M, CSA B45.1, CSA B45.2, CSA B45.3 or CSA B45.4.

**418.2 Sink waste outlets.** Sinks shall be provided with waste outlets a minimum of 1½ inches (38 mm) in diameter. A strainer or crossbar shall be provided to restrict the clear opening of the waste outlet.

**418.3 Moveable sink systems.** Moveable sink systems shall comply with ASME A112.19.12.

## SECTION 419 URINALS

**419.1 Approval.** Urinals shall conform to ANSI Z124.9, ASME A112.19.2M, ASME A112.19.19, CSA B45.1 or CSA B45.5. Urinals shall conform to the water consumption requirements of Section 604.4. Water-supplied urinals shall conform to the hydraulic performance requirements of ASME A112.19.6, CSA B45.1 or CSA B45.5.

Urinals that do not use water shall be permitted, provided the urinals:

1. Provide a barrier liquid sealant contained in a removable trap to maintain the trap seal;
2. Permit the uninhibited flow of water through the trap to the sanitary drainage system;
3. Comply with ANSI Z124.9 and ASME A112.19.2, as applicable.
4. Shall be provided with water supply for future connection.

**419.2 Substitution for water closets.** In each bathroom or toilet room, urinals shall not be substituted for more than 67 percent of the required water closets in assembly and educational occupancies. Urinals shall not be substituted for more than 50 percent of the required water closets in all other occupancies.

**[B] 419.3 Surrounding material.** Deleted.

## SECTION 420 WATER CLOSETS

**420.1 Approval.** Water closets shall conform to the water consumption requirements of Section 604.4 and shall conform to ANSI Z124.4, ASME A112.19.2M, CSA B45.1, CSA B45.4 or CSA B45.5. Water closets shall conform to the hydraulic performance requirements of ASME A112.19.6. Water closet tanks shall conform to ANSI Z124.4, ASME A112.19.2, ASME A112.19.9M, CSA B45.1, CSA B45.4 or CSA B45.5. Electro-hydraulic water closets shall comply with ASME A112.19.13.

**420.2 Water closets for public or employee toilet facilities.** Water closet bowls for *public* or employee toilet facilities shall be of the elongated type.

**420.3 Water closet seats.** Water closets shall be equipped with seats of smooth, nonabsorbent material. All seats of water closets provided for *public* or employee toilet facilities shall be of the hinged open-front type. Integral water closet seats shall be of the same material as the fixture. Water closet seats shall be sized for the water closet bowl type.

**420.4 Water closet connections.** A 4-inch by 3-inch (102 mm by 76 mm) closet bend shall be acceptable. Where a 3-inch (76 mm) bend is utilized on water closets, a 4-inch by 3-inch (102 mm by 76 mm) flange shall be installed to receive the fixture horn.

## SECTION 421 WHIRLPOOL BATHTUBS

**421.1 Approval.** Whirlpool bathtubs shall comply with ASME A112.19.7M or with CSA B45.5 and CSA B45 (Supplement 1).

**421.2 Installation.** Whirlpool bathtubs shall be installed and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. The pump shall be located above the weir of the fixture trap.

**421.3 Drain.** The pump drain and circulation piping shall be sloped to drain the water in the volute and the circulation piping when the whirlpool bathtub is empty.

**421.4 Suction fittings.** Suction fittings for whirlpool bathtubs shall comply with ASME A112.19.8M.

**421.5 Access to pump.** *Access* shall be provided to circulation pumps in accordance with the fixture or pump manufacturer's installation instructions. Where the manufacturer's instructions do not specify the location and minimum size of field-fabricated *access* openings, a 12-inch by 12-inch (305 mm by 305 mm) minimum sized opening shall be installed to provide *access* to the circulation pump. Where pumps are located more than 2 feet (609 mm) from the *access* opening, an 18-inch by 18-inch (457 mm by 457 mm) minimum sized opening shall be installed. A door or panel shall be permitted to close the opening. In all cases, the *access* opening shall be unobstructed and of the size necessary to permit the removal and replacement of the circulation pump. A minimum clearance of 21 inches (514.5 mm) is required in front of the access door.

**421.6 Whirlpool enclosure.** Doors within a whirlpool enclosure shall conform to ASME A112.19.15.

## SECTION 422 HEALTH CARE FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

**422.1 Scope.** This section shall govern those aspects of health care plumbing systems that differ from plumbing systems in other structures. Health care plumbing systems shall conform to the requirements of this section in addition to the other requirements of this code. The provisions of this section shall apply to the special devices and equipment installed and maintained in the following *occupancies*: nursing homes, homes for the aged, orphanages, infirmaries, first aid stations, psychiatric facilities, clinics, professional offices of dentists and doctors, mortuaries, educational facilities, surgery, dentistry, research and testing laboratories, establishments manufacturing pharmaceutical drugs and medicines, and other structures with similar apparatus and equipment classified as plumbing.

**422.2 Approval.** All special plumbing fixtures, equipment, devices and apparatus shall be of an *approved* type.

**422.3 Protection.** All devices, appurtenances, appliances and apparatus intended to serve some special function, such as sterilization, distillation, processing, cooling, or storage of ice or foods, and that connect to either the water supply or drainage system, shall be provided with protection against backflow, flooding, fouling, contamination of the water supply system and stoppage of the drain.

**422.4 Materials.** Fixtures designed for therapy, special cleansing or disposal of waste materials, combinations of such purposes, or any other special purpose, shall be of smooth, impervious, corrosion-resistant materials and, where subjected to temperatures in excess of 180°F (82°C), shall be capable of withstanding, without damage, higher temperatures.

**422.5 Access.** *Access* shall be provided to concealed piping in connection with special fixtures where such piping contains steam traps, valves, relief valves, check valves, vacuum breakers or other similar items that require periodic inspection, ser-



icing, maintenance or repair. *Access* shall be provided to concealed piping that requires periodic inspection, maintenance or repair.

**422.6 Clinical sink.** A clinical sink shall have an integral trap in which the upper portion of a visible trap seal provides a water surface. The fixture shall be designed so as to permit complete removal of the contents by siphonic or blowout action and to reseal the trap. A flushing rim shall provide water to cleanse the interior surface. The fixture shall have the flushing and cleansing characteristics of a water closet.

**422.7 Prohibited usage of clinical sinks and service sinks.** A clinical sink serving a soiled utility room shall not be considered as a substitute for, or be utilized as, a service sink. A service sink shall not be utilized for the disposal of urine, fecal matter or other human waste.

**422.8 Ice prohibited in soiled utility room.** Machines for manufacturing ice, or any device for the handling or storage of ice, shall not be located in a soiled utility room.

**422.9 Sterilizer equipment requirements.** The approval and installation of all sterilizers shall conform to the requirements of the *International Mechanical Code*.

**422.9.1 Sterilizer piping.** *Access* for the purposes of inspection and maintenance shall be provided to all sterilizer piping and devices necessary for the operation of sterilizers.

**422.9.2 Steam supply.** Steam supplies to sterilizers, including those connected by pipes from overhead mains or branches, shall be drained to prevent any moisture from reaching the sterilizer. The condensate drainage from the steam supply shall be discharged by gravity.

**422.9.3 Steam condensate return.** Steam condensate returns from sterilizers shall be a gravity return system.

**422.9.4 Condensers.** Pressure sterilizers shall be equipped with a means of condensing and cooling the exhaust steam vapors. Nonpressure sterilizers shall be equipped with a device that will automatically control the vapor, confining the vapors within the vessel.

**422.10 Special elevations.** Control valves, vacuum outlets and devices protruding from a wall of an operating, emergency, recovery, examining or delivery room, or in a corridor or other location where patients are transported on a wheeled stretcher, shall be located at an elevation that prevents bumping the patient or stretcher against the device.

## SECTION 423 SPECIALTY PLUMBING FIXTURES

**423.1 Water connections.** Baptisteries, ornamental and lily pools, aquariums, ornamental fountain basins, swimming pools, and similar constructions, where provided with water supplies, shall be protected against backflow in accordance with Section 608.

**423.2 Approval.** Specialties requiring water and waste connections shall be submitted for approval.

## SECTION 424 FAUCETS AND OTHER FIXTURE FITTINGS

**424.1 Approval.** Faucets and fixture fittings shall conform to ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1. Faucets and fixture fittings that supply drinking water for human ingestion shall conform to the requirements of NSF 61, Section 9. Flexible water connectors exposed to continuous pressure shall conform to the requirements of Section 605.6.

**424.1.1 Faucets and supply fittings.** Faucets and supply fittings shall conform to the water consumption requirements of Section 604.4.

**424.1.2 Waste fittings.** Waste fittings shall conform to ASME A112.18.2/CSA B125.2, ASTM F 409 or to one of the standards listed in Tables 702.1 and 702.4 for above-ground drainage and vent pipe and fittings.

**424.2 Hand showers.** Hand-held showers shall conform to ASME A112.18.1 or CSA B125.1. Hand-held showers shall provide backflow protection in accordance with ASME A112.18.1 or CSA B125.1 or shall be protected against backflow by a device complying with ASME A112.18.3.

**424.3 Individual shower valves.** Individual shower and tub-shower combination valves shall be balanced-pressure, thermostatic or combination balanced-pressure/thermostatic valves that conform to the requirements of ASSE 1016 or ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1 and shall be installed at the point of use. Shower and tub-shower combination valves required by this section shall be equipped with a means to limit the maximum setting of the valve to 120°F (49°C), which shall be field adjusted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. In-line thermostatic valves shall not be utilized for compliance with this section. Scald preventative valves are not required in dwelling units with individual water heaters set at 120°F (49°C).

**424.4 Multiple (gang) showers.** Multiple (gang) showers supplied with a single-tempered water supply pipe shall have the water supply for such showers controlled by an *approved* automatic temperature control mixing valve that conforms to ASSE 1069 or CSA B125, or each shower head shall be individually controlled by a balanced-pressure, thermostatic or combination balanced-pressure/thermostatic valve that conforms to ASSE 1016 or CSA B125 and is installed at the point of use. Such valves shall be equipped with a means to limit the maximum setting of the valve to 120°F (49°C), which shall be field adjusted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**424.5 Bathtub and whirlpool bathtub valves.** The *hot water* supplied to bathtubs and whirlpool bathtubs shall be limited to a maximum temperature of 120°F (49°C) by a water-temperature limiting device that conforms to ASSE 1070 or CSA B125.3, except where such protection is otherwise provided by a combination tub/shower valve in accordance with Section 424.3. Scald preventative valves are not required in dwelling units with individual water heaters set at 120°F (49°C).

**424.6 Hose-connected outlets.** Faucets and fixture fittings with hose-connected outlets shall conform to ASME A112.18.3M or CSA B125.

**424.7 Temperature-actuated, flow reduction valves for individual fixture fittings.** Temperature-actuated, flow reduc-

tion devices, where installed for individual fixture fittings, shall conform to ASSE 1062. Such valves shall not be used alone as a substitute for the balanced pressure, thermostatic or combination shower valves required in Section 424.3.

**424.8 Transfer valves.** Deck-mounted bath/shower transfer valves containing an integral atmospheric vacuum breaker shall conform to the requirements of ASME A112.18.7.

## SECTION 425 FLUSHING DEVICES FOR WATER CLOSETS AND URINALS

**425.1 Flushing devices required.** Each water closet, urinal, clinical sink and any plumbing fixture that depends on trap siphonage to discharge the fixture contents to the drainage system shall be provided with a flushometer valve, flushometer tank or a flush tank designed and installed to supply water in quantity and rate of flow to flush the contents of the fixture, cleanse the fixture and refill the fixture trap.

A flushometer valve, flush tank or similar device shall not be required for urinal fixtures that comply with the waterless test requirements of ANSI Z124.9 and that:

1. Provide a barrier liquid sealant contained in a removable trap to maintain the trap seal;
2. Permit the uninhibited flow of water through the trap to the sanitary drainage system;
3. Comply with ANSI Z124.9 and ASME 112.19.2, as applicable.

**425.1.1 Separate for each fixture.** A flushing device shall not serve more than one fixture.

**425.2 Flushometer valves and tanks.** Flushometer valves and tanks shall comply with ASSE 1037. Vacuum breakers on flushometer valves shall conform to the performance requirements of ASSE 1001 or CAN/CSA B64.1.1. *Access* shall be provided to vacuum breakers. Flushometer valves shall be of the water-conservation type and shall not be utilized where the water pressure is lower than the minimum required for normal operation. When operated, the valve shall automatically complete the cycle of operation, opening fully and closing positively under the water supply pressure. Each flushometer valve shall be provided with a means for regulating the flow through the valve. The trap seal to the fixture shall be automatically refilled after each valve flushing cycle.

**425.3 Flush tanks.** Flush tanks equipped for manual flushing shall be controlled by a device designed to refill the tank after each discharge and to shut off completely the water flow to the tank when the tank is filled to operational capacity. The trap seal to the fixture shall be automatically refilled after each flushing. The water supply to flush tanks equipped for automatic flushing shall be controlled with a timing device or sensor control devices.

**425.3.1 Fill valves.** All flush tanks shall be equipped with an antisiphon fill valve conforming to ASSE 1002 or CSA B125.3. The fill valve backflow preventer shall be located at least 1 inch (25 mm) above the full opening of the overflow pipe.

**425.3.2 Overflows in flush tanks.** Flush tanks shall be provided with overflows discharging to the water closet or urinal connected thereto and shall be sized to prevent flooding the tank at the maximum rate at which the tanks are supplied with water according to the manufacturer's design conditions. The opening of the overflow pipe shall be located above the flood level rim of the water closet or urinal or above a secondary overflow in the flush tank.

**425.3.3 Sheet copper.** Sheet copper utilized for flush tank linings shall conform to ASTM B 152 and shall not weigh less than 10 ounces per square foot (0.03 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

**425.3.4 Access required.** All parts in a flush tank shall be accessible for repair and replacement.

**425.4 Flush pipes and fittings.** Flush pipes and fittings shall be of nonferrous material and shall conform to ASME A112.19.5 or CSA B125.

## SECTION 426 MANUAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE DISPENSING EQUIPMENT

**426.1 Approval.** Manual food and beverage dispensing equipment shall conform to the requirements of NSF 18.

## SECTION 427 FLOOR SINKS

**427.1 Approval.** Sanitary floor sinks shall conform to the requirements of ASME A112.6.7.

## CHAPTER 5

# WATER HEATERS

### SECTION 501 GENERAL

**501.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the materials, design and installation of water heaters and the related safety devices and appurtenances.

**501.2 Water heater as space heater.** Where a combination potable water heating and space heating system requires water for space heating at temperatures higher than 140°F (60°C), a master thermostatic mixing valve complying with ASSE 1017 shall be provided to limit the water supplied to the potable *hot water* distribution system to a temperature of 140°F (60°C) or less. The potability of the water shall be maintained throughout the system.

**501.3 Drain valves.** Drain valves for emptying shall be installed at the bottom of each tank-type water heater and *hot water* storage tank. Drain valves shall conform to ASSE 1005.

**501.4 Location.** Water heaters and storage tanks shall be located and connected so as to provide *access* for observation, maintenance, servicing and replacement.

**501.5 Water heater labeling.** All water heaters shall be third-party certified.

**501.6 Water temperature control in piping from tankless heaters.** The temperature of water from tankless water heaters shall be a maximum of 140°F (60°C) when intended for domestic uses. This provision shall not supersede the requirement for protective shower valves in accordance with Section 424.3.

**501.7 Pressure marking of storage tanks.** Storage tanks and water heaters installed for domestic hot water shall have the maximum allowable working pressure clearly and indelibly stamped in the metal or marked on a plate welded thereto or otherwise permanently attached. Such markings shall be in an accessible position outside of the tank so as to make inspection or reinspection readily possible.

**501.8 Temperature controls.** All hot water supply systems shall be equipped with automatic temperature controls capable of adjustments from the lowest to the highest acceptable temperature settings for the intended temperature operating range. In a water heating system where temperatures exceed 140°F (60°C), a means such as a mixing valve shall be installed to temper the water for domestic uses.

**501.9 Installation by manufacturer.** The following is a reprint of GS 66-27.1, "Safety Features of Hot Water Heaters."

- (a) No individual, firm, corporation or business shall install, sell or offer for sale any automatic hot water tank or heater of 120-gallon (454 L) capacity or less, except for a tankless water heater, which does not have installed thereon by the manufacturer of the tank or

heater an American Society of Mechanical Engineers and National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors approved type pressure-temperature relief valve set at or below the safe working pressure of the tank as indicated, and so labeled by the manufacturer's identification stamped or cast upon the tank or heater or upon a plate secured to it.

- (b) No individual, firm, corporation or business shall install, sell or offer for sale any relief valve, whether it be pressure type, temperature type or pressure-temperature type, which does not carry the stamp of approval of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

The following is a reprint of GS 66-27.1A, "Water heater thermostat settings."

- (a) The thermostat of any new residential water heater offered for sale or lease for use in a single-family or multifamily dwelling in the State shall be preset by the manufacturer or installer no higher than approximately 120°F (49°C). A water heater reservoir temperature may be set higher if it is supplying space heaters that require higher temperatures. For purposes of this section, a water heater shall mean the primary source of hot water for any single-family or multifamily residential dwelling including, but not limited to any solar or other hot water heating systems.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the occupant of a single-family or multiunit residential dwelling with an individual water heater from resetting or having reset the thermostat on the water heater. Any such resetting shall relieve the manufacturer or installer of the water heater and, in the case of a residential dwelling that is leased or rented, also the unit's owner, from liability for damages attributed to the resetting.
- (c) A warning tag or sticker shall be placed on or near the operating thermostat control of any residential water heater. This tag or sticker shall state that the thermostat settings above the preset temperature may cause severe burns. This tag or sticker may carry such other appropriate warnings as may be agreed upon by manufacturers, installers and other interested parties.

**501.10 Fossil fuel equipment installation.** The installation of the following equipment and systems shall comply with the *North Carolina Fuel Gas Code*:

1. Fuel piping for any fossil fuel-burning equipment.
2. Venting systems for fossil fuel-burning equipment which is part of the plumbing system.



## SECTION 502 INSTALLATION

**502.1 General.** Water heaters shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Oil-fired water heaters shall conform to the requirements of this code and the *International Mechanical Code*. Electric water heaters shall conform to the requirements of this code and provisions of NFPA 70. Gas-fired water heaters shall conform to the requirements of the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

**502.1.1 Elevation and protection.** Elevation of water heater ignition sources and mechanical damage protection requirements for water heaters shall be in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* and the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

**502.2 Rooms used as a plenum.** Water heaters using solid, liquid or gas fuel shall not be installed in a room containing air-handling machinery when such room is used as a plenum.

**502.3 Water heaters installed in attics.** Attics containing a water heater shall be provided with an opening and unobstructed passageway large enough to allow removal of the water heater. The passageway shall not be less than 30 inches (762 mm) high and 22 inches (559 mm) wide and not more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in length when measured along the centerline of the passageway from the opening to the water heater. If 6 feet (1829 mm) of headroom is provided along the centerline of the passageway from the opening to the water heater, the length of the passageway is permitted to exceed 20 feet (6096 mm) in length. The passageway shall have continuous solid flooring not less than 24 inches (610 mm) wide. A level service space at least 30 inches (762 mm) deep and 30 inches (762 mm) wide shall be present at the front or service side of the water heater. The clear access opening dimensions shall be a minimum of 20 inches by 30 inches (508 mm by 762 mm) where such dimensions are large enough to allow removal of the water heater.

**502.4 Seismic supports.** Where earthquake loads are applicable in accordance with the *International Building Code*, water heater supports shall be designed and installed for the seismic forces in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**502.5 Water heaters installed in garages.** Water heaters having an ignition source shall be elevated such that the source of ignition is not less than 18 inches (457 mm) above the garage floor. Appliances shall be located or protected so that they are not subject to physical damage by a moving vehicle.

**Exception:** Elevation of the ignition source is not required for appliances that are listed as flammable vapor ignition resistant.

**502.6 Installation in crawl spaces.** Under-floor spaces containing appliances requiring access shall be provided with an access opening and unobstructed passageway large enough to remove the largest component of the appliance. The passageway shall not be less than 22 inches (559 mm) high and 36 inches (914 mm) wide, nor more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in length when measured along the centerline of the passageway from the opening to the equipment. A level service space not less than 30 inches (762 mm) deep and 30 inches (762 mm) wide shall be present at the front or service side of the appliance. If the depth of the passageway or the service space exceeds 12 inches (305 mm)

below the adjoining grade, the walls of the passageway shall be lined with concrete or masonry extending 4 inches (102 mm) above the adjoining grade and having sufficient lateral-bearing capacity to resist collapse.

The clear access opening dimensions shall be a minimum of 22 inches by 30 inches (559 mm by 762 mm), where such dimensions are large enough to allow removal of the largest component of the appliance.

### Exceptions:

1. The passageway is not required where the level service space is present when the access is open and the appliance is capable of being serviced and removed through the required opening.
2. Where the passageway is not less than 6 feet high (1829 mm) for its entire length, the passageway shall not be limited in length.

## 502.7 Under-floor and exterior-grade installation.

**502.7.1 Exterior-grade installations.** Equipment and appliances installed above grade level shall be supported on a solid base or approved material a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm) thick.

**502.7.2 Under-floor installation.** Suspended equipment shall be a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) above the adjoining grade.

**502.7.3 Crawl space supports.** The support shall be a minimum of a 2-inch (51 mm) thick solid base, 2-inch (51 mm) thick formed concrete, or stacked masonry units held in place by mortar or other approved method. The water heater shall be supported not less than 2 inches (51 mm) above grade.

**502.7.4 Drainage.** Below-grade installations shall be provided with a natural drain or an automatic lift or sump pump. Existing installation that can be terminated outdoors must terminate outdoors. Where the installation is such that outdoor termination is impossible, indoor termination is allowable.

**502.8 Prohibited installations.** Water heaters, (using solid, liquid or gas fuel) with the exception of those having direct vent systems, shall not be installed in bathrooms and bedrooms or in a closet with access only through a bedroom or bathroom. However, water heaters of the automatic storage type may be installed as replacement in a bathroom, when approved by the plumbing official, provided they are vented and supplied with adequate combustion air.

**Exception:** When a closet, having a weather-stripped solid door with an approved closing device, has been designed exclusively for the water heater and where all air for combustion and ventilation is supplied from outdoors.

## SECTION 503 CONNECTIONS

**503.1 Cold water line valve.** The cold water branch line from the main water supply line to each hot water storage tank or water heater shall be provided with a valve, located within 3 feet (914 mm) of the equipment and serving only the hot water storage tank or water heater. The valve shall not interfere or

cause a disruption of the cold water supply to the remainder of the cold water system. The valve shall be provided with *access* on the same floor level as the water heater served.

**503.2 Water circulation.** The method of connecting a circulating water heater to the tank shall provide circulation of water through the water heater. The pipe or tubes required for the installation of appliances that will draw from the water heater or storage tank shall comply with the provisions of this code for material and installation. Installation shall comply with the manufacturer's instructions.

## SECTION 504 SAFETY DEVICES

**504.1 Antisiphon devices.** An *approved* means, such as a cold water "dip" tube with a hole at the top or a vacuum relief valve installed in the cold water supply line above the top of the heater or tank, shall be provided to prevent siphoning of any storage water heater or tank.

**504.2 Vacuum relief valve.** Bottom fed water heaters and bottom fed tanks connected to water heaters shall have a vacuum relief valve installed. The vacuum relief valve shall comply with ANSI Z21.22.

**504.3 Shutdown.** A means for disconnecting an electric hot water supply system from its energy supply shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 70. A separate valve shall be provided to shut off the energy fuel supply to all other types of hot water supply systems.

**504.4 Relief valve.** All storage water heaters operating above atmospheric pressure shall be provided with an *approved*, self-closing (levered) pressure relief valve and temperature relief valve or combination thereof. The relief valve shall conform to ANSI Z21.22. The relief valve shall not be used as a means of controlling thermal expansion.

**504.4.1 Installation.** Such valves shall be installed in the shell of the water heater tank. Temperature relief valves shall be so located in the tank as to be actuated by the water in the top 6 inches (152 mm) of the tank served. For installations with separate storage tanks, the valves shall be installed on the tank and there shall not be any type of valve installed between the water heater and the storage tank. There shall not be a check valve or shutoff valve between a relief valve and the heater or tank served.

**504.5 Relief valve approval.** Temperature and pressure relief valves, or combinations thereof, and energy cutoff devices shall bear the label of an *approved* agency and shall have a temperature setting of not more than 210°F (99°C) and a pressure setting not exceeding the tank or water heater manufacturer's rated working pressure or 150 psi (1035 kPa), whichever is less. The relieving capacity of each pressure relief valve and each temperature relief valve shall equal or exceed the heat input to the water heater or storage tank.

**504.6 Requirements for discharge piping.** The discharge piping serving a pressure relief valve, temperature relief valve or combination thereof shall:

1. Not be directly connected to the drainage system.

### 2. Discharge location.

- 2.1. Discharge in the same room as the water heater, either on the floor, into an indirect waste receptor or into a water heater pan.
- 2.2. Discharge through an air gap or air gap fitting to a remote termination point that is observable by the building occupants.
3. Not be smaller than the diameter of the outlet of the valve served and shall discharge full size to the *air gap*.
4. Serve a single relief device and shall not connect to piping serving any other relief device or equipment.
5. Discharge to the floor, to the pan serving the water heater or storage tank, to a waste receptor or to the outdoors.
6. Discharge in a manner that does not cause personal injury or structural damage.
7. Deleted.
8. Not be trapped.
9. Be installed so as to flow by gravity.
10. Not terminate more than 6 inches (152 mm) above the floor or waste receptor.
11. Not have a threaded connection at the end of such piping.
12. Not have valves or tee fittings.
13. Be constructed of those materials listed in Section 605.4 or materials tested, rated and *approved* for such use in accordance with ASME A112.4.1.

**504.7 Required pan.** Where water heaters or hot water storage tanks are installed in: (a) remote locations such as a suspended ceiling, (b) attics, (c) above occupied spaces, or (d) unventilated crawl spaces, the tank or water heater shall be installed in a galvanized steel pan having a material thickness of not less than 0.0236 inch (0.6010 mm) (No. 24 gage), or other pans approved for such use.

### **Exceptions:**


1. Electric water heaters may rest in a high-impact plastic pan of at least 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) thickness.
2. Water heater mounted on concrete floor for floor drains.

**504.7.1 Pan size and drain.** The pan drain shall not be less than 1½ inches (38 mm) deep and shall not be obstructed by the appliance. The pan shall be drained by an indirect waste pipe having a minimum diameter of 1 inch (25.4 mm). Piping for safety pan drains shall be of those materials listed in Table 605.4.

**504.7.2 Pan drain termination.** The pan drain shall extend full-size and terminate over a suitably located indirect waste receptor or floor drain or extend to the exterior of the building and terminate not less than 6 inches (152 mm) and not more than 24 inches (610 mm) above the adjacent ground surface.



**SECTION 505  
INSULATION**

**[E] 505.1 Unfired vessel insulation.** Unfired hot water storage tanks shall be insulated to  $R-12.5$  ( $\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$ ) ( $R-2.2 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{K}/\text{W}$ ). 

## CHAPTER 6

# WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

**601.1 Scope.** This chapter shall govern the materials, design and installation of water supply systems, both hot and cold, for utilization in connection with human occupancy and habitation and shall govern the installation of individual water supply systems.

**601.2 Solar energy utilization.** Solar energy systems used for heating potable water or using an independent medium for heating potable water shall comply with the applicable requirements of this code. The use of solar energy shall not compromise the requirements for cross connection or protection of the potable water supply system required by this code.

**601.3 Existing piping used for grounding.** Existing metallic water service piping used for electrical grounding shall not be replaced with nonmetallic pipe or tubing until other *approved* means of grounding is provided.

**601.4 Tests.** The potable water distribution system shall be tested in accordance with Section 312.5.

### SECTION 602 WATER REQUIRED

**602.1 General.** Every structure equipped with plumbing fixtures and utilized for human occupancy or habitation shall be provided with a potable supply of water in the amounts and at the pressures specified in this chapter.

**602.2 Potable water required.** Only potable water shall be supplied to plumbing fixtures that provide water for drinking, bathing or culinary purposes, or for the processing of food, medical or pharmaceutical products. Unless otherwise provided in this code, potable water shall be supplied to all plumbing fixtures.

**602.3 Individual water supply.** Where a potable public water supply is not available, individual sources of potable water supply shall be utilized.

**602.3.1 Sources.** Deleted.

**602.3.2 Minimum quantity.** Deleted.

**602.3.3 Water quality.** Deleted.

**602.3.4 Disinfection of system.** Deleted.

**602.3.5 Pumps.** Deleted.

**602.3.5.1 Pump enclosure.** Deleted.

### SECTION 603 WATER SERVICE

**603.1 Size of water service pipe.** The water service pipe shall be sized to supply water to the structure in the quantities and at the pressures required in this code. The minimum diameter of water service pipe shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (19.1 mm).

**603.2 Separation of water service and building sewer.** Water service pipe and the *building sewer* shall be separated by 5 feet (1524 mm) of undisturbed or compacted earth.

#### Exceptions:

1. The required separation distance shall not apply where the bottom of the water service pipe within 5 feet (1524 mm) of the *sewer* is a minimum of 12 inches (305 mm) above the top of the highest point of the *sewer* and the pipe materials conform to Table 702.3.
2. Water service pipe is permitted to be located in the same trench with a *building sewer*, provided such *sewer* is constructed of materials listed in Table 702.2.
3. The required separation distance shall not apply where a water service pipe crosses a *sewer* pipe, provided the water service pipe is sleeved to at least 5 feet (1524 mm) horizontally from the *sewer* pipe centerline on both sides of such crossing with pipe materials listed in Table 605.3, 702.2 or 702.3.

**603.2.1 Water service near sources of pollution.** Potable water service pipes shall not be located in, under or above cesspools, septic tanks, septic tank drainage fields or seepage pits (see Section 605.1 for soil and groundwater conditions).

### SECTION 604 DESIGN OF BUILDING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

**604.1 General.** The design of the water distribution system shall conform to *accepted engineering practice*. Methods utilized to determine pipe sizes shall be *approved*.

**604.2 System interconnection.** At the points of interconnection between the hot and cold water supply piping systems and the individual fixtures, appliances or devices, provisions shall be made to prevent flow between such piping systems.

**604.3 Water distribution system design criteria.** The water distribution system shall be designed, and pipe sizes shall be selected such that under conditions of peak demand, the capacities at the fixture supply pipe outlets shall not be less than shown in Table 604.3. The minimum flow rate and flow pressure provided to fixtures and appliances not listed in Table 604.3 shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**604.4 Maximum flow and water consumption.** The maximum water consumption flow rates and quantities for all plumbing fixtures and fixture fittings shall be in accordance with Table 604.4.

#### Exceptions:

1. Blowout design water closets having a maximum water consumption of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  gallons (13 L) per flushing cycle.
2. Vegetable sprays.

3. Clinical sinks having a maximum water consumption of 4½ gallons (17 L) per flushing cycle.
4. Service sinks.
5. Emergency showers.

**TABLE 604.3**  
**WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DESIGN CRITERIA**  
**REQUIRED CAPACITY AT FIXTURE SUPPLY PIPE OUTLETS**

FIXTURE SUPPLY OUTLET SERVING	FLOW RATE <sup>a</sup> (gpm)	FLOW PRESSURE (psi)
Bathtub, balanced-pressure, thermostatic or combination balanced-pressure/thermostatic mixing valve	4	20
Bidet, thermostatic mixing valve	2	20
Combination fixture	4	8
Dishwasher, residential	2.75	8
Drinking fountain	0.75	8
Laundry tray	4	8
Lavatory	2	8
Shower	3	8
Shower, balanced-pressure, thermostatic or combination balanced-pressure/thermostatic mixing valve	3	20
Sillcock, hose bibb	5	8
Sink, residential	2.5	8
Sink, service	3	8
Urinal, valve	12	25
Water closet, blow out, flushometer valve	25	45
Water closet, flushometer tank	1.6	20
Water closet, siphonic, flushometer valve	25	35
Water closet, tank, close coupled	3	20
Water closet, tank, one piece	6	20

For SI: 1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa,  
1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

a. For additional requirements for flow rates and quantities, see Section 604.4.

**604.4.1 Lavatory faucets.** Lavatory faucets shall be of the metering type when located in the following public restrooms:

1. In all occupancies in restrooms which have six or more lavatories.
2. In school occupancies in student-use restrooms.
3. In assembly occupancies in all customer or public-use restrooms.

**604.5 Size of fixture supply.** The minimum size of a fixture supply pipe shall be as shown in Table 604.5. The fixture supply pipe shall not terminate more than 30 inches (762 mm) from the point of connection to the fixture. A reduced-size flexible water connector installed between the supply pipe and the fixture shall be of an *approved* type. The supply pipe shall extend to the floor or wall adjacent to the fixture. The minimum size of individual distribution lines utilized in gridded or parallel water distribution systems shall be as shown in Table 604.5.

**Exception:** The length of restriction shall not apply to residential dishwashers or ice makers.

**TABLE 604.4**  
**MAXIMUM FLOW RATES AND CONSUMPTION FOR**  
**PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FIXTURE FITTINGS**

PLUMBING FIXTURE OR FIXTURE FITTING	MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OR QUANTITY <sup>a</sup>
Lavatory, private	2.2 gpm at 60 psi
Lavatory, public (metering)	0.25 gallon per metering cycle
Lavatory, public (other than metering)	0.5 gpm at 60 psi
Shower head <sup>a</sup>	2.5 gpm at 80 psi
Sink faucet	2.2 gpm at 60 psi
Urinal	1.0 gallon per flushing cycle
Water closet	1.6 gallons per flushing cycle

For SI: 1 gallon = 3.785 L, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m,  
1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa.

a. A hand-held shower spray is a shower head.

b. Consumption tolerances shall be determined from referenced standards.

**TABLE 604.5**  
**MINIMUM SIZES OF FIXTURE WATER SUPPLY PIPES**

FIXTURE	MINIMUM PIPE SIZE (inch)
Bathtubs <sup>a</sup> (60" × 32" and smaller)	½
Bathtubs <sup>a</sup> (larger than 60" × 32")	½
Bidet	⅜
Combination sink and tray	½
Dishwasher, domestic <sup>a</sup>	½
Drinking fountain	⅜
Hose bibbs	½
Kitchen sink <sup>a</sup>	½
Laundry, 1, 2 or 3 compartments <sup>a</sup>	½
Lavatory	⅜
Shower, single head <sup>a</sup>	½
Sinks, flushing rim	¾
Sinks, service	½
Urinal, flush tank	½
Urinal, flush valve	¾
Wall hydrant	½
Water closet, flush tank	⅜
Water closet, flush valve	1
Water closet, flushometer tank	⅜
Water closet, one piece <sup>a</sup>	½

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm,  
1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa.

a. Where the developed length of the distribution line is 60 feet or less, and the available pressure at the meter is a minimum of 35 psi, the minimum size of an individual distribution line supplied from a manifold and installed as part of a parallel water distribution system shall be one nominal tube size smaller than the sizes indicated.

**604.6 Variable street pressures.** Where street water main pressures fluctuate, the building water distribution system shall be designed for the minimum pressure available.

**604.7 Inadequate water pressure.** Wherever water pressure from the street main or other source of supply is insufficient to provide flow pressures at fixture outlets as required under Table 604.3, a water pressure booster system conforming to Section 606.5 shall be installed on the building water supply system.

**604.8 Water-pressure reducing valve or regulator.** Where water pressure within a building exceeds 80 psi (552 kPa) static, an *approved* water-pressure reducing valve conforming to ASSE 1003 with strainer shall be installed to reduce the pressure in the building water distribution piping to 80 psi (552 kPa) static or less.

**Exception:** Service lines to sill cocks and outside hydrants, and main supply risers where pressure from the mains is reduced to 80 psi (552 kPa) or less at individual fixtures.

**604.8.1 Valve design.** The pressure-reducing valve shall be designed to remain open to permit uninterrupted water flow in case of valve failure.

**604.8.2 Repair and removal.** All water-pressure reducing valves, regulators and strainers shall be so constructed and installed as to permit repair or removal of parts without breaking a pipeline or removing the valve and strainer from the pipeline.

**604.9 Water hammer.** The flow velocity of the water distribution system shall be controlled to reduce the possibility of water hammer. A water-hammer arrestor shall be installed where quick-closing valves (example: clothes washers, dishwashers, ice makers) and metallic piping is used. The water-hammer arrestor shall not be required on any valves where plastic pipe is used for water distribution piping. Water-hammer arrestors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Water-hammer arrestors shall conform to ASSE 1010.

**604.10 Gridded and parallel water distribution system manifolds.** Hot water and cold water manifolds installed with gridded or parallel connected individual distribution lines to each fixture or fixture fitting shall be designed in accordance with Sections 604.10.1 through 604.10.3.

**604.10.1 Manifold sizing.** Hot water and cold water manifolds shall be sized in accordance with Table 604.10.1. The total gallons per minute is the demand of all outlets supplied.

**TABLE 604.10.1  
MANIFOLD SIZING**

NOMINAL SIZE INTERNAL DIAMETER (inches)	MAXIMUM DEMAND (gpm)	
	Velocity at 4 feet per second	Velocity at 8 feet per second
1/2	2	5
3/4	6	11
1	10	20
1 1/4	15	31
1 1/2	22	44

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m,  
1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

**604.10.2 Valves.** Individual fixture shutoff valves installed at the manifold shall be identified as to the fixture being supplied.

**604.10.3 Access.** *Access* shall be provided to manifolds.

**604.11 Individual pressure balancing in-line valves for individual fixture fittings.** Where individual pressure balancing in-line valves for individual fixture fittings are installed, such valves shall comply with ASSE 1066. Such valves shall be installed in an accessible location and shall not be utilized alone as a substitute for the balanced pressure, thermostatic or combination shower valves required in Section 424.3.

## SECTION 605 MATERIALS, JOINTS AND CONNECTIONS

**605.1 Soil and ground water.** The installation of a water service or water distribution pipe shall be prohibited in soil and ground water contaminated with solvents, fuels, organic compounds or other detrimental materials causing permeation, corrosion, degradation or structural failure of the piping material. Where detrimental conditions are suspected, a chemical analysis of the soil and ground water conditions shall be required to ascertain the acceptability of the water service or water distribution piping material for the specific installation. Where detrimental conditions exist, *approved* alternative materials or routing shall be required.

**605.2 Lead content of water supply pipe and fittings.** Pipe and pipe fittings, including valves and faucets, utilized in the water supply system shall have a maximum weighted average of 0.25-percent lead content when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures.

### Exceptions:

1. Pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, or fixtures, including backflow preventers, that are used exclusively for non-potable services such as manufacturing, industrial processing, irrigation, outdoor watering, or any other uses where the water is not anticipated to be used for human consumption; or
2. Toilets, bidets, urinals, fill valves, flushometer valves, tub fillers, shower valves, service saddles, or water distribution main gate valves that are 2-inches in diameter or larger.

**605.3 Water service pipe.** Water service pipe shall conform to NSF 61 and shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 605.3. All water service pipe or tubing, installed underground and outside of the structure, shall have a minimum working pressure rating of 160 psi (1100 kPa) at 73.4°F (23°C). Where the water pressure exceeds 160 psi (1100 kPa), piping material shall have a minimum rated working pressure equal to the highest available pressure. Water service piping materials not third-party certified for water distribution shall terminate 5 feet (1524 mm) outside the building. All ductile iron water service piping shall be cement mortar lined in accordance with AWWA C104.

**TABLE 605.3  
WATER SERVICE PIPE**

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe	ASTM D 1527; ASTM D 2282
Asbestos-cement pipe	ASTM C 296
Brass pipe	ASTM B 43
Chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) plastic pipe	ASTM D 2846; ASTM F 441; ASTM F 442; CSA B137.6
Copper or copper-alloy pipe	ASTM B 42; ASTM B 302
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K, WK, L, WL)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251; ASTM B 447
Cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) plastic tubing	ASTM F 876; ASTM F 877; CSA B137.5
Cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/cross-linked polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX) pipe	ASTM F 1281; ASTM F 2262; CAN/CSA B137.10M
Cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/high-density polyethylene (PEX-AL-HDPE)	ASTM F 1986
Ductile iron water pipe	AWWA C151; AWWA C115
Galvanized steel pipe	ASTM A 53
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM D 2239; ASTM D 3035; CSA B137.1
Polyethylene (PE) plastic tubing	ASTM D 2737; CSA B137.1
Polyethylene/aluminum/polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) pipe	ASTM F 1282; CAN/CSA B137.9
Polypropylene (PP) plastic pipe or tubing	ASTM F 2389; CSA B137.11
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe	ASTM D 1785; ASTM D 2241; ASTM D 2672; CSA B137.3
Stainless steel pipe (Type 304/304L)	ASTM A 312; ASTM A 778
Stainless steel pipe (Type 316/316L)	ASTM A 312; ASTM A 778



**605.3.1 Dual check-valve-type backflow preventer.**

Where a dual check-valve backflow preventer is installed on the water supply system, it shall comply with ASSE 1024 or CSA B64.6.

**605.4 Water distribution pipe.** Water distribution pipe shall conform to NSF 61 and shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 605.4. Hot water distribution pipe and tubing shall have a minimum pressure rating of 100 psi (690 kPa) at 180°F (82°C). Cold water distribution pipe and tubing shall have a minimum pressure rating of 160 psi (1100 kPa) at 73.4°F (23°C).

**605.5 Fittings.** Pipe fittings shall be *approved* for installation with the piping material installed and shall conform to the respective pipe standards or one of the standards listed in Table 605.5. All pipe fittings utilized in water supply systems shall also comply with NSF 61. The fittings shall not have ledges, shoulders or reductions capable of retarding or obstructing flow in the piping. Ductile and gray iron pipe fittings shall be cement mortar lined in accordance with AWWA C104.

**605.5.1 Mechanically formed tee fittings.** Mechanically extracted outlets shall have a height not less than three times the thickness of the branch tube wall.

**605.5.1.1 Full flow assurance.** Branch tubes shall not restrict the flow in the run tube. A dimple/depth stop shall be formed in the branch tube to ensure that penetration into the collar is of the correct depth. For inspection purposes, a second dimple shall be placed 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) above the first dimple. Dimples shall be aligned with the tube run.

**605.5.1.2 Brazed joints.** Mechanically formed tee fittings shall be brazed in accordance with Section 605.14.1.

**605.6 Flexible water connectors.** Flexible water connectors exposed to continuous pressure shall conform to ASME A112.18.6. *Access* shall be provided to all flexible water connectors.

**605.7 Valves.** All valves shall be of an *approved* type and compatible with the type of piping material installed in the system. Ball valves, gate valves, globe valves and plug valves intended to supply drinking water shall meet the requirements of NSF 61.

**605.8 Manufactured pipe nipples.** Manufactured pipe nipples shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 605.8.

**TABLE 605.8  
MANUFACTURED PIPE NIPPLES**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Brass-, copper-, chromium-plated	ASTM B 687
Steel	ASTM A 733

**605.9 Prohibited joints and connections.** The following types of joints and connections shall be prohibited:

1. Cement or concrete joints.
2. Joints made with fittings not *approved* for the specific installation.
3. Solvent-cement joints between different types of plastic pipe.
4. Saddle-type fittings.

**TABLE 605.4  
WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Brass pipe	ASTM B 43
Chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) plastic pipe and tubing	ASTM D 2846; ASTM F 441; ASTM F 442; CSA B137.6
Copper or copper-alloy pipe	ASTM B 42; ASTM B 302
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K, WK, L, WL, M or WM) <sup>a</sup>	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251; ASTM B 447
Cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) plastic tubing	ASTM F 876; ASTM F 877; CSA B137.5
Cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/cross-linked polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX) pipe	ASTM F 1281; ASTM F 2262; CAN/CSA B137.10M
Cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/high-density polyethylene (PEX-AL-HDPE)	ASTM F 1986
Ductile iron pipe	AWWA C151/A21.51; AWWA C115/A21.15
Galvanized steel pipe	ASTM A 53
Polyethylene/aluminum/polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) composite pipe	ASTM F 1282
Polypropylene (PP) plastic pipe or tubing	ASTM F 2389; CSA B137.11
Stainless steel pipe (Type 304/304L)	ASTM A 312; ASTM A 778
Stainless steel pipe (Type 316/316L)	ASTM A 312; ASTM A 778

a. Below grade Type K, WK, L, WL

**TABLE 605.5  
PIPE FITTINGS**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic	ASTM D 2468
Cast-iron	ASME B16.4; ASME B16.12
Chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) plastic	ASSE 1061; ASTM D 2846; ASTM F 437; ASTM F 438; ASTM F 439; CSA B137.6
Copper or copper alloy	ASSE 1061; ASME B16.15; ASME B16.18; ASME B16.22; ASME B16.23; ASME B16.26; ASME B16.29; <u>ASME B16.51</u>
Cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/high-density polyethylene (PEX-AL-HDPE)	ASTM F 1986
Fittings for cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) plastic tubing	ASSE 1061; ASTM F 877; ASTM F 1807; ASTM F 1960; ASTM F 2080; ASTM F 2098; ASTM F 2159; ASTM F 2434; CSA B137.5
Gray iron and ductile iron	AWWA C110; AWWA C153
Insert fittings for polyethylene/aluminum/polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) and cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/cross-linked polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX)	ASTM F 1974; ASTM F1281; ASTM F1282; CAN/CSA B137.9; CAN/CSA B137.10
Malleable iron	ASME B16.3
Metal (brass) insert fittings for polyethylene/aluminum/polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) and cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/cross-linked polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX)	ASTM F 1974
<u>Polybutylene (PB) plastic</u>	<u>ASSE 1061; CSA B137.8</u>
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM D 2609; ASTM D 2683; ASTM D 3261; ASTM F 1055; CSA B137.1
Polypropylene (PP) plastic pipe or tubing	ASTM F 2389; CSA B137.11
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic	ASTM D 2464; ASTM D 2466; ASTM D 2467; CSA B137.2; CSA B137.3
Stainless steel (Type 304/304L)	ASTM A 312; ASTM A 778
Stainless steel (Type 316/316L)	ASTM A 312; ASTM A 778
Steel	ASME B16.9; ASME B16.11; ASME B16.28

**605.10 ABS plastic.** Joints between ABS plastic pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.10.1 through 605.10.3.

**605.10.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints on water pipes shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM D 3139. Mechanical joints shall only be installed in underground systems, unless otherwise *approved*. Joints shall be installed only in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.10.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. Solvent cement that conforms to ASTM D 2235 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 2235. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**605.10.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Schedule 80 or heavier pipe shall be permitted to be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe. *Approved* thread lubricant or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**605.11 Asbestos-cement.** Joints between asbestos-cement pipe or fittings shall be made with a sleeve coupling of the same

composition as the pipe, sealed with an elastomeric ring conforming to ASTM D 1869.

**605.12 Brass.** Joints between brass pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.12.1 through 605.12.4.

**605.12.1 Brazed joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. An *approved* flux shall be applied where required. The joint shall be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**605.12.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.12.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe-joint compound or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**605.12.4 Welded joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. The joint shall be welded with an *approved* filler metal.

**605.13 Gray iron and ductile iron joints.** Joints for gray and ductile iron pipe and fittings shall comply with AWWA C111 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**605.14 Copper pipe.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.14.1 through 605.14.5.

**605.14.1 Brazed joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. An *approved* flux shall be applied where required. The joint shall be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**605.14.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.14.3 Soldered joints.** Solder joints shall be made in accordance with the methods of ASTM B 828. All cut tube ends shall be reamed to the full inside diameter of the tube end. All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. A flux conforming to ASTM B 813 shall be applied. The joint shall be soldered with a solder conforming to ASTM B 32. The joining of water supply piping shall be made with lead-free solder and fluxes. "Lead free" shall mean a chemical composition equal to or less than 0.2-percent lead.

**605.14.4 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe-joint compound or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**605.14.5 Welded joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. The joint shall be welded with an *approved* filler metal.

**605.15 Copper tubing.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy tubing or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.15.1 through 605.15.4.

**605.15.1 Brazed joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. An *approved* flux shall be applied where required. The joint shall be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**605.15.2 Flared joints.** Flared joints for water pipe shall be made by a tool designed for that operation.

**605.15.3 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.15.4 Soldered joints.** Solder joints shall be made in accordance with the methods of ASTM B 828. All cut tube ends shall be reamed to the full inside diameter of the tube end. All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. A flux conforming to ASTM B 813 shall be applied. The joint shall be soldered with a solder conforming to ASTM B 32. The joining of water supply piping shall be made with lead-free solders and fluxes. "Lead free" shall mean a chemical composition equal to or less than 0.2-percent lead.

**605.15.5 Press-connect joints.** Press-connect joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Press-connect joints shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 605.5.

**605.16 CPVC plastic.** Joints between CPVC plastic pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.16.1 through 605.16.3.

**605.16.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.16.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture, and an *approved* primer shall be applied. Solvent cement, orange in color and conforming to ASTM F 493, shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet, and in accordance with ASTM D 2846 or ASTM F 493. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**Exception:** A primer is not required where all of the following conditions apply:

1. The solvent cement used is third-party certified as conforming to ASTM F 493.
2. The solvent cement used is yellow in color.
3. The solvent cement is used only for joining 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) through 2 inch (51 mm) diameter CPVC pipe and fittings.
4. The CPVC pipe and fittings are manufactured in accordance with ASTM D 2846.

**605.16.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Schedule 80 or heavier pipe shall be permitted to be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe, but the pressure rating of the pipe shall be reduced by 50 percent. Thread by socket molded fittings shall be permitted. *Approved* thread lubricant or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**605.17 Cross-linked polyethylene plastic.** Joints between cross-linked polyethylene plastic tubing or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.17.1 and 605.17.2.

**605.17.1 Flared joints.** Flared pipe ends shall be made by a tool designed for that operation.

**605.17.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Fittings for cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) plastic tubing shall comply with the applicable standards listed in Table 605.5 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. PEX tubing shall be factory marked with the appropriate standards for the fittings that the PEX manufacturer specifies for use with the tubing.

**605.18 Steel.** Joints between galvanized steel pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.18.1 and 605.18.2.

**605.18.1 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe-joint compound or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**605.18.2 Mechanical joints.** Joints shall be made with an *approved* elastomeric seal. Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.19 Polyethylene plastic.** Joints between polyethylene plastic pipe and tubing or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.19.1 through 605.19.4.

**605.19.1 Flared joints.** Flared joints shall be permitted where so indicated by the pipe manufacturer. Flared joints shall be made by a tool designed for that operation.

**605.19.2 Heat-fusion joints.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. All joint surfaces shall be heated to melt temperature and joined. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 2657.

**605.19.3 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.19.4 Installation.** Polyethylene pipe shall be cut square, with a cutter designed for plastic pipe. Except where joined by heat fusion, pipe ends shall be chamfered to remove sharp edges. Kinked pipe shall not be installed. The minimum pipe bending radius shall not be less than 30 pipe diameters, or the minimum coil radius, whichever is greater. Piping shall not be bent beyond straightening of the curvature of the coil. Bends shall not be permitted within 10 pipe diameters of any fitting or valve. Stiffener inserts installed with compression-type couplings and fittings shall not extend beyond the clamp or nut of the coupling or fitting.

**605.20 Polypropylene (PP) plastic.** Joints between PP plastic pipe and fittings shall comply with Section 605.20.1 or 605.20.2.

**605.20.1 Heat-fusion joints.** Heat-fusion joints for polypropylene pipe and tubing joints shall be installed with socket-type heat-fused polypropylene fittings, butt-fusion polypropylene fittings or electrofusion polypropylene fittings. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM F 2389.

**605.20.2 Mechanical and compression sleeve joints.** Mechanical and compression sleeve joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.21 Polyethylene/aluminum/polyethylene (PE-AL-PE) and cross-linked polyethylene/aluminum/cross-linked polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX).** Joints between PE-AL-PE and PEX-AL-PEX pipe and fittings shall comply with Section 605.21.1.

**605.21.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Fittings for PE-AL-PE and PEX-AL-PEX as described in ASTM F 1974, ASTM F 1281, ASTM F 1282, CAN/CSA B137.9 and CAN/CSA B137.10 shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.22 PVC plastic.** Joints between PVC plastic pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.22.1 through 605.22.3.

**605.22.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints on water pipe shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM D 3139. Mechanical joints shall not be installed in above-ground systems unless otherwise *approved*. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.22.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. A purple primer or an ultraviolet purple primer that conforms to ASTM F 656 shall be applied. When an ultraviolet primer is used, the installer

shall provide an ultraviolet light to the inspector to be used during the inspection. Solvent cement not purple in color and conforming to ASTM D 2564 or CSA-B137.3 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet and shall be in accordance with ASTM D 2855. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**605.22.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Schedule 80 or heavier pipe shall be permitted to be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe, but the pressure rating of the pipe shall be reduced by 50 percent. Thread by socket molded fittings shall be permitted. *Approved* thread lubricant or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**605.23 Stainless steel.** Joints between stainless steel pipe and fittings shall comply with Sections 605.23.1 and 605.23.2.

**605.23.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.23.2 Welded joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. The joint shall be welded autogenously or with an *approved* filler metal as referenced in ASTM A 312.

**605.24 Joints between different materials.** Joints between different piping materials shall be made with a mechanical joint of the compression or mechanical-sealing type, or as permitted in Sections 605.24.1, 605.24.2 and 605.24.3. Connectors or adapters shall have an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM D 1869 or ASTM F 477. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**605.24.1 Copper or copper-alloy tubing to galvanized steel pipe.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy tubing and galvanized steel pipe shall be made with a brass fitting or dielectric fitting or a dielectric union conforming to ASSE 1079. The copper tubing shall be soldered to the fitting in an *approved* manner, and the fitting shall be screwed to the threaded pipe.

**605.24.2 Plastic pipe or tubing to other piping material.** Joints between different grades of plastic pipe or between plastic pipe and other piping material shall be made with an *approved* adapter fitting.

**605.24.3 Stainless steel.** Joints between stainless steel and different piping materials shall be made with a mechanical joint of the compression or mechanical sealing type or a dielectric fitting or a dielectric union conforming to ASSE 1079.

**605.25 Polybutylene plastic.** Joints between polybutylene plastic pipe and tubing or fittings shall comply with Sections 605.25.1 through 605.25.3.

**605.25.1 Flared joints.** Flared pipe ends shall be made by a tool designed for that operation.

**605.25.2 Heat-fusion joints.** Joints shall be of the socket-fusion or butt-fusion type. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. All joint surfaces shall be heated to the melting temperature and joined. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 2657, ASTM D 3309 or CAN3-B137.8M.



**605.25.3 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

## SECTION 606 INSTALLATION OF THE BUILDING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

**606.1 Location of full-open valves.** Full-open valves shall be installed in the following locations:

1. Deleted.
2. A full-open valve shall be located either outside the building within 5 feet (1524 mm) of the foundation wall in a readily accessible valve box, in the crawl space within 3 feet (914 mm) of the crawl space access door or within the building in a location where it may be accessed without the use of a ladder or a tool.
3. Deleted.
4. On the base of every water riser pipe in occupancies other than multiple-family residential *occupancies* that are two stories or less in height and in one- and two-family residential *occupancies*.
5. On the top of every water down-feed pipe in *occupancies* other than one- and two-family residential *occupancies*.
6. On the entrance to every water supply pipe to a dwelling unit, except where supplying a single fixture equipped with individual stops.
7. On the water supply pipe to a gravity or pressurized water tank.
8. On the water supply pipe to every water heater.

**606.2 Location of shutoff valves.** Shutoff valves shall be installed in the following locations:

1. On the fixture supply to each plumbing fixture other than bathtubs and showers.
2. Deleted.
3. On the water supply pipe to each appliance or mechanical equipment.

**606.2.1 Buildings other than dwellings or dwelling units.** Each supply branch line serving more than one fixture shall have a shut-off valve installed so as to isolate all fixtures and all pieces of equipment supplied by the branch line. The shut-off valve shall be labeled and located as close to the connection to the supply main and riser as practical.

**606.3 Access to valves.** Access shall be provided to all full-open valves and shutoff valves.

**606.4 Valve identification.** Service valves shall be identified. All other valves installed in locations that are not adjacent to the fixture or appliance shall be identified, indicating the fixture or appliance served.

**606.5 Water pressure booster systems.** Water pressure booster systems shall be provided as required by Sections 606.5.1 through 606.5.10.

**606.5.1 Water pressure booster systems required.** Where the water pressure in the public water main or individual water supply system is insufficient to supply the minimum pressures and quantities specified in this code, the supply shall be supplemented by an elevated water tank, a hydropneumatic pressure booster system or a water pressure booster pump installed in accordance with Section 606.5.5.

**606.5.2 Support.** All water supply tanks shall be supported in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**606.5.3 Covers.** All water supply tanks shall be covered to keep out unauthorized persons, dirt and vermin. The covers of gravity tanks shall be vented with a return bend vent pipe with an area not less than the area of the down-feed riser pipe, and the vent shall be screened with a corrosion-resistant screen of not less than 16 by 20 mesh per inch (630 by 787 mesh per m).

**606.5.4 Overflows for water supply tanks.** Each gravity or suction water supply tank shall be provided with an overflow with a diameter not less than that shown in Table 606.5.4. The overflow outlet shall discharge at a point not less than 6 inches (152 mm) above the roof or roof drain; floor or floor drain; or over an open water-supplied fixture. The overflow outlet shall be covered with a corrosion-resistant screen of not less than 16 by 20 mesh per inch (630 by 787 mesh per m) and by 1/4-inch (6.4 mm) hardware cloth or shall terminate in a horizontal angle seat check valve. Drainage from overflow pipes shall be directed so as not to freeze on roof walks.

**TABLE 606.5.4  
SIZES FOR OVERFLOW PIPES FOR WATER SUPPLY TANKS**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF WATER SUPPLY LINE TO TANK (gpm)	DIAMETER OF OVERFLOW PIPE (inches)
0 – 50	2
51 – 150	2½
151 – 200	3
201 – 400	4
401 – 700	5
701 – 1,000	6
Over 1,000	8

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

**606.5.5 Low-pressure cutoff required on booster pumps.** A low-pressure cutoff shall be installed on all booster pumps in a water pressure booster system to prevent creation of a vacuum or negative pressure on the suction side of the pump when a positive pressure of 10 psi (68.94 kPa) or less occurs on the suction side of the pump.

**606.5.6 Potable water inlet control and location.** Potable water inlets to gravity tanks shall be controlled by a fill valve or other automatic supply valve installed so as to prevent the tank from overflowing. The inlet shall be terminated so as to provide an *air gap* not less than 4 inches (102 mm) above the overflow.



**606.5.7 Tank drain pipes.** A valved pipe shall be provided at the lowest point of each tank to permit emptying of the tank. The tank drain pipe shall discharge as required for overflow pipes and shall not be smaller in size than specified in Table 606.5.7.

**TABLE 606.5.7**  
**SIZE OF DRAIN PIPES FOR WATER TANKS**

TANK CAPACITY (gallons)	DRAIN PIPE (inches)
Up to 750	1
751 to 1,500	1½
1,501 to 3,000	2
3,001 to 5,000	2½
5,001 to 7,500	3
Over 7,500	4

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 gallon = 3.785 L.

**606.5.8 Prohibited location of potable supply tanks.** Potable water gravity tanks or manholes of potable water pressure tanks shall not be located directly under any soil or waste piping or any source of contamination.

**606.5.9 Pressure tanks, vacuum relief.** All water pressure tanks shall be provided with a vacuum relief valve at the top of the tank that will operate up to a maximum water pressure of 200 psi (1380 kPa) and up to a maximum temperature of 200°F (93°C). The minimum size of such vacuum relief valve shall be ½ inch (12.7 mm).

**Exception:** This section shall not apply to pressurized captive air diaphragm/bladder tanks.

**606.5.10 Pressure relief for tanks.** Every pressure tank in a hydropneumatic pressure booster system shall be protected with a pressure relief valve. The pressure relief valve shall be set at a maximum pressure equal to the rating of the tank. The relief valve shall be installed on the supply pipe to the tank or on the tank. The relief valve shall discharge by gravity to a safe place of disposal.

**606.6 Water supply system test.** Upon completion of a section of or the entire water supply system, the system, or portion completed, shall be tested in accordance with Section 312.

## **SECTION 607** **HOT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

**607.1 Where required.** Each dwelling unit shall be provided with a source of hot water for each family unit in accordance with Appendix E. Central water heating facilities shall be accessible for emergency maintenance without entering any individual apartment or living unit when supplying hot water to that unit. In other occupied structures, hot water may be supplied to all plumbing fixtures and equipment utilized for bathing, washing, culinary purposes, cleansing, laundry or building maintenance.

**607.2 Hot water supply temperature maintenance.** ~~Deleted.~~

**607.2.1 Piping insulation.** Circulating hot water system piping shall be insulated in accordance with the *International Energy Conservation Code*.

**[E] 607.2.2 Hot water system controls.** Automatic circulating hot water system pumps or heat trace shall be arranged to be conveniently turned off, automatically or manually, when the hot water system is not in operation.

**607.2.3 Recirculating pump.** ~~Deleted.~~

**607.3 Thermal expansion control.** A means of controlling increased pressure caused by thermal expansion shall be provided where required in accordance with Sections 607.3.1 and 607.3.2.

**607.3.1 Pressure-reducing valve.** For water service system sizes up to and including 2 inches (51 mm), a device for controlling pressure shall be installed where, because of thermal expansion, the pressure on the downstream side of a pressure-reducing valve exceeds the pressure-reducing valve setting.

**607.3.2 Backflow prevention device or check valve.** Where a backflow prevention device, check valve or other device is installed on a water supply system utilizing storage water heating equipment such that thermal expansion causes an increase in pressure, a device for controlling pressure shall be installed.

**607.4 Flow of hot water to fixtures.** Fixture fittings, faucets and diverters shall be installed and adjusted so that the flow of hot water from the fittings corresponds to the left-hand side of the fixture fitting.

**Exception:** Shower and tub/shower mixing valves conforming to ASSE 1016 or ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1, where the flow of hot water corresponds to the markings on the device.

## **SECTION 608** **PROTECTION OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY**

**608.1 General.** A potable water supply system shall be designed, installed and maintained in such a manner so as to prevent contamination from nonpotable liquids, solids or gases being introduced into the potable water supply through cross-connections or any other piping connections to the system. Backflow preventer applications shall conform to Table 608.1, except as specifically stated in Sections 608.2 through 608.16.10.

**608.2 Plumbing fixtures.** The supply lines and fittings for every plumbing fixture shall be installed so as to prevent backflow. Plumbing fixture fittings shall provide backflow protection in accordance with ASME A112.18.1.

**608.3 Devices, appurtenances, appliances and apparatus.** All devices, appurtenances, appliances and apparatus intended to serve some special function, such as sterilization, distillation, processing, cooling, or storage of ice or foods, and that connect to the water supply system, shall be provided with protection against backflow and contamination of the water supply system. Water pumps, filters, softeners, tanks and all other appliances and devices that handle or treat potable water shall be protected against contamination.

**TABLE 608.1**  
**APPLICATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS**

DEVICE	DEGREE OF HAZARD <sup>a</sup>	APPLICATION <sup>b</sup>	APPLICABLE STANDARDS
Air gap	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage or backpressure	ASME A112.1.2
Air gap fittings for use with plumbing fixtures, appliances and appurtenances	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage or backpressure	ASME A112.1.3
Antisiphon-type fill valves for gravity water closet flush tanks	High hazard	Backsiphonage only	ASSE 1002, CSA B125.3
Backflow preventer for carbonated beverage machines	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{3}{8}$ "	ASSE 1022
Backflow preventer with intermediate atmospheric vents	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{3}{4}$ "	ASSE 1012, CAN/CSA B64.3
Barometric loop	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage only	(See Section 608.13.4)
Double check backflow prevention assembly and double check fire protection backflow prevention assembly	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{3}{8}$ " - 16"	ASSE 1015, AWWA C510, CSA B64.5, CSA B64.5.1
Double check detector fire protection backflow prevention assemblies	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage (Fire sprinkler systems) Sizes 2" - 16"	ASSE 1048
Dual-check-valve-type backflow preventer	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ " - 1"	ASSE 1024, CSA B64.6
Hose connection backflow preventer	High or low hazard	Low head backpressure, rated working pressure, backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 1"	ASSE 1052, CSA B64.2.1.1
Hose connection vacuum breaker	High or low hazard	Low head backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1"	ASSE 1011, CAN/CSA B64.2, CSA B64.2.1
Laboratory faucet backflow preventer	High or low hazard	Low head backpressure and backsiphonage	ASSE 1035, CSA B64.7
Pipe-applied atmospheric-type vacuum breaker	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage only Sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ " - 4"	ASSE 1001, CAN/CSA B64.1.1
Pressure vacuum breaker assembly	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage only Sizes $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2"	ASSE 1020, CSA B64.1.2
Reduced pressure principle backflow preventer and reduced pressure principle fire protection backflow preventer	High or low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{3}{8}$ " - 16"	ASSE 1013, AWWA C511, CAN/CSA B64.4, CSA B64.4.1
Reduced pressure detector fire protection backflow prevention assemblies	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage or backpressure (Fire sprinkler systems)	ASSE 1047
Spillproof vacuum breaker	High or low hazard	Backsiphonage only Sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ " - 2"	ASSE 1056
Vacuum breaker wall hydrants, frost-resistant, automatic draining type	High or low hazard	Low head backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1"	ASSE 1019, CAN/CSA B64.2.2

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

- a. Low hazard—See Pollution (Section 202).  
 High hazard—See Contamination (Section 202).  
 b. See Backpressure (Section 202).  
 See Backpressure, low head (Section 202).  
 See Backsiphonage (Section 202).

**608.3.1 Special equipment, water supply protection.** The water supply for hospital fixtures shall be protected against backflow with a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer, an atmospheric or spill-proof vacuum breaker, or an *air gap*. Vacuum breakers for bedpan washer hoses shall not be located less than 5 feet (1524 mm) above the floor. Vacuum breakers for hose connections in health care or laboratory areas shall not be less than 6 feet (1829 mm) above the floor.

**608.4 Water service piping.** Water service piping shall be protected in accordance with Sections 603.2 and 603.2.1.

**608.5 Chemicals and other substances.** Chemicals and other substances that produce either toxic conditions, taste, odor or discoloration in a potable water system shall not be introduced into, or utilized in, such systems.

**608.6 Cross-connection control.** Cross connections shall be prohibited, except where *approved* protective devices are installed.

**608.6.1 Private water supplies.** Cross connections between a private water supply and a potable public supply shall be prohibited.

**608.7 Valves and outlets prohibited below grade.** Potable water outlets and combination stop-and-waste valves shall not be installed underground or below grade. Freezeproof yard hydrants that drain the riser into the ground are considered to be stop-and-waste valves.

**Exception:** Freezeproof yard hydrants that drain the riser into the ground shall be permitted to be installed, provided that the potable water supply to such hydrants is protected upstream of the hydrants in accordance with Section 608 and the hydrants are permanently identified as nonpotable outlets by *approved* signage that reads as follows: “Caution, Nonpotable Water. Do Not Drink.”

**608.8 Identification of nonpotable water.** In buildings where nonpotable water systems are installed, the piping conveying the nonpotable water shall be identified either by color marking or metal tags in accordance with Sections 608.8.1 through 608.8.3. All nonpotable water outlets such as hose connections, open ended pipes, and faucets shall be identified at the point of use for each outlet with the words, “Nonpotable—not safe for drinking.” The words shall be indelibly printed on a tag or sign constructed of corrosion-resistant waterproof material or shall be indelibly printed on the fixture. The letters of the words shall be not less than 0.5 inches in height and color in contrast to the background on which they are applied.

**608.8.1 Information.** Pipe identification shall include the contents of the piping system and an arrow indicating the direction of flow. Hazardous piping systems shall also contain information addressing the nature of the hazard. Pipe identification shall be repeated at maximum intervals of 25 feet (7620 mm) and at each point where the piping passes through a wall, floor or roof. Lettering shall be readily observable within the room or space where the piping is located.

**608.8.2 Color.** The color of the pipe identification shall be discernable and consistent throughout the building. The color purple shall be used to identify reclaimed, rain and gray water distribution systems.

**608.8.3 Size.** The size of the background color field and lettering shall comply with Table 608.8.3.

**TABLE 608.8.3**  
**SIZE OF PIPE IDENTIFICATION**

PIPE DIAMETER (inches)	LENGTH BACKGROUND COLOR FIELD (inches)	SIZE OF LETTERS (inches)
$\frac{3}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$	8	0.5
$1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2	8	0.75
$2\frac{1}{2}$ to 6	12	1.25
8 to 10	24	2.5
over 10	32	3.5

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**608.9 Reutilization prohibited.** Water utilized for the cooling of equipment or other processes shall not be returned to the potable water system. Such water shall be discharged into a drainage system through an *air gap* or shall be utilized for non-potable purposes.

**608.10 Reuse of piping.** Piping that has been utilized for any purpose other than conveying potable water shall not be utilized for conveying potable water.

**608.11 Painting of water tanks.** The interior surface of a potable water tank shall not be lined, painted or repaired with any material that changes the taste, odor, color or potability of the water supply when the tank is placed in, or returned to, service.

**608.12 Pumps and other appliances.** Water pumps, filters, softeners, tanks and all other devices that handle or treat potable water shall be protected against contamination.

**608.13 Backflow protection.** Means of protection against backflow shall be provided in accordance with Sections 608.13.1 through 608.13.9.

**608.13.1 Air gap.** The minimum required *air gap* shall be measured vertically from the lowest end of a potable water outlet to the *flood level rim* of the fixture or receptacle into which such potable water outlet discharges. Air gaps shall comply with ASME A112.1.2 and *air gap* fittings shall comply with ASME A112.1.3.

**608.13.2 Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers.** Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall conform to ASSE 1013, AWWA C511, CAN/CSA B64.4 or CSA B64.4.1. Reduced pressure detector assembly backflow preventers shall conform to ASSE 1047. These devices shall be permitted to be installed where subject to continuous pressure conditions. The relief opening shall discharge by *air gap* and shall be prevented from being submerged.

**608.13.3 Backflow preventer with intermediate atmospheric vent.** Backflow preventers with intermediate atmospheric vents shall conform to ASSE 1012 or CAN/CSA B64.3. These devices shall be permitted to be installed where subject to continuous pressure conditions. The relief opening shall discharge by *air gap* and shall be prevented from being submerged.

**608.13.4 Barometric loop.** Barometric loops shall precede the point of connection and shall extend vertically to a height of 35 feet (10 668 mm). A barometric loop shall only be utilized as an atmospheric-type or pressure-type vacuum breaker.

**608.13.5 Pressure-type vacuum breakers.** Pressure-type vacuum breakers shall conform to ASSE 1020 or CSA B64.1.2 and spillproof vacuum breakers shall comply with ASSE 1056. These devices are designed for installation under continuous pressure conditions when the critical level is installed at the required height. Pressure-type vacuum breakers shall not be installed in locations where spillage could cause damage to the structure.

**608.13.6 Atmospheric-type vacuum breakers.** Pipe-applied atmospheric-type vacuum breakers shall conform to ASSE 1001 or CAN/CSA B64.1.1. Hose-connection vacuum breakers shall conform to ASSE 1011, ASSE 1019, ASSE 1035, ASSE 1052, CAN/CSA B64.2, CSA B64.2.1, CSA B64.2.1.1, CAN/CSA B64.2.2 or CSA B64.7. These devices shall operate under normal atmospheric pressure when the critical level is installed at the required height.

**608.13.7 Double check-valve assemblies.** Double check-valve assemblies shall conform to ASSE 1015, CSA B64.5, CSA B64.5.1 or AWWA C510. Double-detector check-valve assemblies shall conform to ASSE 1048. These devices shall be capable of operating under continuous pressure conditions.

**608.13.8 Spillproof vacuum breakers.** Spillproof vacuum breakers (SVB) shall conform to ASSE 1056. These devices are designed for installation under continuous-pressure conditions when the critical level is installed at the required height.

**608.13.9 Chemical dispenser backflow devices.** Backflow devices for chemical dispensers shall comply with ASSE 1055 or shall be equipped with an *air gap* fitting.

**608.14 Location of backflow preventers.** *Access* shall be provided to backflow preventers as specified by the installation instructions of the *approved* manufacturer.

**608.14.1 Outdoor enclosures for backflow prevention devices.** Outdoor enclosures for backflow prevention devices shall comply with ASSE 1060.

**608.14.2 Protection of backflow preventers.** Backflow preventers shall not be located in areas subject to freezing except where they can be removed by means of unions or are protected from freezing by heat, insulation or both.

**608.14.2.1 Relief port piping.** The termination of the piping from the relief port or *air gap* fitting of a backflow preventer shall discharge to an *approved* indirect waste receptor or to the outdoors where it will not cause damage or create a nuisance.

**608.15 Protection of potable water outlets.** All potable water openings and outlets shall be protected against backflow in accordance with Section 608.15.1, 608.15.2, 608.15.3, 608.15.4, 608.15.4.1 or 608.15.4.2.

**608.15.1 Protection by air gap.** Openings and outlets shall be protected by an *air gap* between the opening and the fixture *flood level rim* as specified in Table 608.15.1. Openings and outlets equipped for hose connection shall be protected by means other than an *air gap*.

**608.15.2 Protection by a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer.** Openings and outlets shall be protected by a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer.

**608.15.3 Protection by a backflow preventer with intermediate atmospheric vent.** Openings and outlets shall be protected by a backflow preventer with an intermediate atmospheric vent.

TABLE 608.15.1  
MINIMUM REQUIRED AIR GAPS

FIXTURE	MINIMUM AIR GAP	
	Away from a wall <sup>a</sup> (inches)	Close to a wall (inches)
Lavatories and other fixtures with effective opening not greater than 1/2 inch in diameter	1	1 1/2
Sink, laundry trays, gooseneck back faucets and other fixtures with effective openings not greater than 3/4 inch in diameter	1 1/2	2 1/2
Over-rim bath fillers and other fixtures with effective openings not greater than 1 inch in diameter	2	3
Drinking water fountains, single orifice not greater than 7/16 inch in diameter or multiple orifices with a total area of 0.150 square inch (area of circle 7/16 inch in diameter)	1	1 1/2
Effective openings greater than 1 inch	Two times the diameter of the effective opening	Three times the diameter of the effective opening

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

a. Applicable where walls or obstructions are spaced from the nearest inside-edge of the spout opening a distance greater than three times the diameter of the effective opening for a single wall, or a distance greater than four times the diameter of the effective opening for two intersecting walls.



**608.15.4 Protection by a vacuum breaker.** Openings and outlets shall be protected by atmospheric-type or pressure-type vacuum breakers. The critical level of the vacuum breaker shall be set a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) above the *flood level rim* of the fixture or device. Fill valves shall be set in accordance with Section 425.3.1. Vacuum breakers shall not be installed under exhaust hoods or similar locations that will contain toxic fumes or vapors. Pipe-applied vacuum breakers shall be installed not less than 6 inches (152 mm) above the *flood level rim* of the fixture, receptor or device served.

**608.15.4.1 Deck-mounted and integral vacuum breakers.** *Approved* deck-mounted or equipment-mounted vacuum breakers and faucets with integral atmospheric or spillproof vacuum breakers shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the requirements for labeling with the critical level not less than 1 inch (25 mm) above the *flood level rim*.

**608.15.4.2 Hose connections.** Sillcocks, hose bibbs, wall hydrants and other openings with a hose connection shall be protected by an atmospheric-type or pressure-type vacuum breaker or a permanently attached hose connection vacuum breaker.

**Exceptions:**

1. This section shall not apply to water heater and boiler drain valves that are provided with hose connection threads and that are intended only for tank or vessel draining.
2. This section shall not apply to water supply valves intended for connection of clothes washing machines where backflow prevention is otherwise provided or is integral with the machine.

**608.16 Connections to the potable water system.** Connections to the potable water system shall conform to Sections 608.16.1 through 608.16.10.

**608.16.1 Beverage dispensers.** The water supply connection to beverage dispensers shall be protected against backflow by a backflow preventer conforming to ASSE 1022 or by an *air gap*. The portion of the backflow preventer device downstream from the second check valve and the piping downstream therefrom shall not be affected by carbon dioxide gas.

**608.16.2 Connections to boilers.** The potable supply to the boiler shall be equipped with a backflow preventer with an intermediate atmospheric vent complying with ASSE 1012 or CAN/CSA B64.3. Where conditioning chemicals are introduced into the system, the potable water connection shall be protected by an *air gap* or a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer, complying with ASSE 1013, CAN/CSA B64.4 or AWWA C511.

**608.16.3 Heat exchangers.** Heat exchangers utilizing an essentially toxic transfer fluid shall be separated from the potable water by double-wall construction. An *air gap* open to the atmosphere shall be provided between the two walls.

Heat exchangers utilizing an essentially nontoxic transfer fluid shall be permitted to be of single-wall construction.

**608.16.4 Connections to automatic fire sprinkler systems and standpipe systems.** The potable water supply to automatic fire sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be protected against backflow by a double check-valve assembly or a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where systems are installed as a portion of the water distribution system in accordance with the requirements of this code and are not provided with a fire department connection, isolation of the water supply system shall not be required.
2. Isolation of the water distribution system is not required for deluge, preaction or dry pipe systems.

**608.16.4.1 Additives or nonpotable source.** Where systems under continuous pressure contain chemical additives or antifreeze, or where systems are connected to a nonpotable secondary water supply, the potable water supply shall be protected against backflow by a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer. Where chemical additives or antifreeze are added to only a portion of an automatic fire sprinkler or standpipe system, the reduced pressure principle backflow preventer shall be permitted to be located so as to isolate that portion of the system. Where systems are not under continuous pressure, the potable water supply shall be protected against backflow by an *air gap* or a pipe applied atmospheric vacuum breaker conforming to ASSE 1001 or CAN/CSA B64.1.1.

**608.16.5 Connections to lawn irrigation systems.** The potable water supply to lawn irrigation systems shall be protected against backflow by an atmospheric-type vacuum breaker, a pressure-type vacuum breaker or a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer. A valve shall not be installed downstream from an atmospheric vacuum breaker. Where chemicals are introduced into the system, the potable water supply shall be protected against backflow by a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer.

**608.16.6 Connections subject to backpressure.** Where a potable water connection is made to a nonpotable line, fixture, tank, vat, pump or other equipment subject to backpressure, the potable water connection shall be protected by a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer.

**608.16.7 Chemical dispensers.** Where chemical dispensers connect to the potable water distribution system, the water supply system shall be protected against backflow in accordance with Section 608.13.1, 608.13.2, 608.13.5, 608.13.6, 608.13.8 or 608.13.9.

**608.16.8 Portable cleaning equipment.** Where the portable cleaning equipment connects to the water distribution system, the water supply system shall be protected against backflow in accordance with Section 608.13.1, 608.13.2, 608.13.3, 608.13.7 or 608.13.8.

**608.16.9 Dental pump equipment.** Where dental pumping equipment connects to the water distribution system, the



water supply system shall be protected against backflow in accordance with Section 608.13.1, 608.13.2, 608.13.5, 608.13.6 or 608.13.8.

**608.16.10 Coffee machines and noncarbonated beverage dispensers.** The water supply connection to coffee machines and noncarbonated beverage dispensers shall be protected against backflow by a backflow preventer conforming to ASSE 1022 or by an *air gap*.

**608.17 Protection of individual water supplies.** Deleted.

**608.17.1 Well locations.** Deleted.

**Table 608.17.1 Distance from Contamination to Private Water Supplies and Pump Suction Lines.** Deleted.

**608.17.2 Elevation.** Deleted.

**608.17.3 Depth.** Deleted.

**608.17.4 Water-tight casings.** Deleted.

**608.17.5 Drilled or driven well casings.** Deleted.

**608.17.6 Dug or bored well casings.** Deleted.

**608.17.7 Cover.** Deleted.

**608.17.8 Drainage.** Deleted.

## SECTION 609 HEALTH CARE PLUMBING

**609.1 Scope.** This section shall govern those aspects of health care plumbing systems that differ from plumbing systems in other structures. Health care plumbing systems shall conform to the requirements of this section in addition to the other requirements of this code. The provisions of this section shall apply to the special devices and equipment installed and maintained in the following occupancies: nursing homes, homes for the aged, orphanages, infirmaries, first aid stations, psychiatric facilities, clinics, professional offices of dentists and doctors, mortuaries, educational facilities, surgery, dentistry, research and testing laboratories, establishments manufacturing pharmaceutical drugs and medicines, and other structures with similar apparatus and equipment classified as plumbing.

**609.2 Water service.** All hospitals shall have two water service pipes installed in such a manner so as to minimize the potential for an interruption of the supply of water in the event of a water main or water service pipe failure.

**609.3 Hot water.** *Hot water* shall be provided to supply all of the hospital fixture, kitchen and laundry requirements. Special fixtures and equipment shall have hot water supplied at a temperature specified by the manufacturer. The hot water system shall be installed in accordance with Section 607.

**609.4 Vacuum breaker installation.** Vacuum breakers shall be installed a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) above the *flood level rim* of the fixture or device in accordance with Section 608. The *flood level rim* of hose connections shall be the maximum height at which any hose is utilized.

**609.5 Prohibited water closet and clinical sink supply.** Jet- or water-supplied orifices, except those supplied by the flush connections, shall not be located in or connected with a water

closet bowl or clinical sink. This section shall not prohibit an *approved* bidet installation.

**609.6 Clinical, hydrotherapeutic and radiological equipment.** All clinical, hydrotherapeutic, radiological or any equipment that is supplied with water or that discharges to the waste system shall conform to the requirements of this section and Section 608.

**609.7 Condensate drain trap seal.** A water supply shall be provided for cleaning, flushing and resealing the condensate trap, and the trap shall discharge through an *air gap* in accordance with Section 608.

**609.8 Valve leakage diverter.** Each water sterilizer filled with water through directly connected piping shall be equipped with an *approved* leakage diverter or bleed line on the water supply control valve to indicate and conduct any leakage of unsterile water away from the sterile zone.

## SECTION 610 DISINFECTION OF POTABLE WATER SYSTEM

**610.1 General.** Permitted new or repaired potable water systems shall be purged of deleterious matter prior to utilization.

## SECTION 611 DRINKING WATER TREATMENT UNITS

**611.1 Design.** Drinking water treatment units shall meet the requirements of NSF 42, NSF 44, NSF 53 or NSF 62.

**611.2 Reverse osmosis systems.** The discharge from a reverse osmosis drinking water treatment unit shall enter the drainage system through an *air gap* or an *air gap* device that meets the requirements of NSF 58.

**611.3 Connection tubing.** The tubing to and from drinking water treatment units shall be of a size and material as recommended by the manufacturer. The tubing shall comply with NSF 14, NSF 42, NSF 44, NSF 53, NSF 58 or NSF 61.

## SECTION 612 SOLAR SYSTEMS

**612.1 Solar systems.** The construction, installation, alterations and repair of systems, equipment and appliances intended to utilize solar energy for space heating or cooling, domestic hot water heating, swimming pool heating or process heating shall be in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

## SECTION 613 TEMPERATURE CONTROL DEVICES AND VALVES

**613.1 Temperature-actuated mixing valves.** Temperature-actuated mixing valves, which are installed to reduce water temperatures to defined limits, shall comply with ASSE 1016 or ASSE 1017.

**SECTION 614**  
**PARTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTION**  
**IN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS**

**614.1 Partial fire protection.** Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the connection to the domestic water distribution system of a system of one or more fire suppression sprinkler heads in one or more rooms of a one- or two-family dwelling, nor shall such installation impose additional requirements on the domestic water distribution system with regard to pipe size, water pressure, meter size, monitoring or alarm, provided that:

1. The sprinkler heads used are residential fast-response type.
2. Each branch feeding one or more sprinkler heads shall be provided with an isolation valve which shall be readily accessible and the function thereof shall be marked.
3. Each isolation valve shall be identified as to function with a tag or other device which shall indicate that the system does not meet the requirements of NFPA 13D.
4. The piping installation and material shall comply with the requirements of the *North Carolina Plumbing Code*.

**SECTION 615**  
**FULL FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTION**  
**IN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS**

**615.1 Full fire protection.** Where a full fire sprinkler system is installed, it shall comply with NFPA 13D.

## CHAPTER 7

# SANITARY DRAINAGE

### SECTION 701 GENERAL

**701.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the materials, design, construction and installation of sanitary drainage systems.

**701.2 Sewer required.** Every building in which plumbing fixtures are installed and all premises having drainage piping shall be connected to a *public sewer*, where available, or an *approved private sewage disposal system*.

**701.3 Separate sewer connection.** Every building having plumbing fixtures installed and intended for human habitation, occupancy or use on premises abutting on a street, alley or easement in which there is a *public sewer* shall have a separate connection with the *sewer*. Where located on the same lot, multiple buildings shall not be prohibited from connecting to a common *building sewer* that connects to the *public sewer*.

**701.4 Sewage treatment.** *Note: The following text is provided for informational purposes only.*

Sewage or other waste from a plumbing system that is deleterious to surface or subsurface waters shall not be discharged into the ground or into any waterway unless it has first been rendered innocuous through treatment approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

**701.5 Damage to drainage system or public sewer.** Wastes detrimental to the *public sewer* system or detrimental to the functioning of the *private sewage system* shall be treated and disposed of in accordance with Section 1003.

**701.6 Tests.** The sanitary drainage system shall be tested in accordance with Section 312.

**701.7 Connections.** Direct connection of a condensate drain, a steam exhaust, blowoff or drip pipe shall not be made with the building drainage system. Wastewater when discharged into the building drainage system shall be at a temperature not higher than 140°F (60°C). When higher temperatures exist, *approved* cooling methods shall be provided.

**701.8 Engineered systems.** Deleted.

**701.9 Drainage piping in food service areas.** Exposed soil or waste piping shall not be installed above any working, storage or eating surfaces in food service establishments.

### SECTION 702 MATERIALS

**702.1 Above-ground sanitary drainage and vent pipe.** Above-ground soil, waste and vent pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.1.

**Exception:** Plastic pipe shall not be used for drain, waste and vents in buildings in which the top occupied floor exceeds 75 feet (23 m) in height.

**TABLE 702.1**  
**ABOVE-GROUND DRAINAGE AND VENT PIPE**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including Schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.1
Brass pipe	ASTM B 43
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Copper or copper-alloy pipe	ASTM B 42; ASTM B 302
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K, L, M or DWV)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251; ASTM B 306
Galvanized steel pipe	ASTM A 53
Glass pipe	ASTM C 1053
Polyolefin pipe	ASTM F 1412; CAN/CSA B181.3
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200), and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2665; ASTM F 891; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.2
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25-inch O.D. and a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2949, ASTM F 1488
Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) plastic pipe	ASTM F 1673; CAN/CSA B181.3
Stainless steel drainage systems, Types 304 and 316L	ASME A112.3.1

**702.2 Underground building sanitary drainage and vent pipe.** Underground building sanitary drainage and vent pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.2.

**702.3 Building sewer pipe.** *Building sewer* pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.3.

**702.4 Fittings.** Pipe fittings shall be *approved* for installation with the piping material installed and shall comply with the applicable standards listed in Table 702.4.

**Exception:** Plastic pipe shall not be used for drain, waste and vents in buildings in which the top occupied floor exceeds 75 feet (23 m) in height.

**702.5 Chemical waste system.** A chemical waste system shall be completely separated from the sanitary drainage system. The chemical waste shall be treated in accordance with Section 803.2 before discharging to the sanitary drainage system. Separate drainage systems for chemical wastes and vent pipes shall be of an *approved* material that is resistant to corrosion and degradation for the concentrations of chemicals involved.

**TABLE 702.2  
UNDERGROUND BUILDING DRAINAGE AND VENT PIPE**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core, or composite wall	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.1
Asbestos-cement pipe	ASTM C 428
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K or L)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251; ASTM B 306
Polyolefin pipe	ASTM F 1412; CAN/CSA B181.3
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core, or composite wall	ASTM D 2665; ASTM F 891; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.2
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25-inch O.D. and a solid, cellular core, or composite wall	ASTM D 2949, ASTM F 1488
Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) plastic pipe	ASTM F 1673; CAN/CSA B181.3
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A 112.3.1

**TABLE 702.3  
BUILDING SEWER PIPE**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.1
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in sewer and drain diameters, including SDR 42 (PS 20), PS 35, SDR 35 (PS 45), PS 50, PS 100, PS 140, SDR 23.5 (PS 150) and PS 200; with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM F 1488; ASTM D 2751
Asbestos-cement pipe	ASTM C 428
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Concrete pipe	ASTM C14; ASTM C76; CAN/CSA A257.1M; CAN/CSA A257.2M
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K or L)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe (SDR-PR)	ASTM F 714
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2665; ASTM F 891; ASTM F 1488
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in sewer and drain diameters, including PS 25, SDR 41 (PS 28), PS 35, SDR 35 (PS 46), PS 50, PS 100, SDR 26 (PS 115), PS 140 and PS 200; with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM F 891; ASTM F 1488; ASTM D 3034; CSA B182.2; CSA B182.4
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25-inch O.D. and a solid, cellular core or composite wall.	ASTM D 2949, ASTM F 1488
Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) plastic pipe	ASTM F 1673; CAN/CSA B181.3
Stainless steel drainage systems, Types 304 and 316L	ASME A112.3.1
Vitrified clay pipe	ASTM C 4; ASTM C 700

TABLE 702.4  
PIPE FITTINGS

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; CSA B181.1
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in sewer and drain diameters	ASTM D 2751
Asbestos cement	ASTM C 428
Cast iron	ASME B 16.4; ASME B 16.12; ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Copper or copper alloy	ASME B 16.15; ASME B 16.18; ASME B 16.22; ASME B 16.23; ASME B 16.26; ASME B 16.29
Glass	ASTM C 1053
Gray iron and ductile iron	AWWA C 110
Malleable iron	ASME B 16.3
Polyolefin	ASTM F 1412; CAN/CSA B181.3
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic in IPS diameters	ASTM D 2665; ASTM F 1866 (10 inches diameter and larger)
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in sewer and drain diameters	ASTM D 3034
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25-inch O.D.	ASTM D 2949
Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) plastic pipe	ASTM F 1673; CAN/CSA B181.3
Stainless steel drainage systems, Types 304 and 316L	ASME A 112.3.1
Steel	ASME B 16.9; ASME B 16.11; ASME B 16.28
Vitrified clay	ASTM C 700

**702.6 Lead bends and traps.** Lead bends and traps shall not be less than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch (3.2 mm) wall thickness.

## SECTION 703 BUILDING SEWER

**703.1 Building sewer pipe near the water service.** Where the *building sewer* is installed within 5 feet (1524 mm) of the water service, the installation shall comply with the provisions of Section 603.2.

**703.2 Drainage pipe in filled ground.** Where a *building sewer* or *building drain* is installed in unstable fill or unstable ground shall be of cast-iron pipe, except that nonmetallic drains may be laid upon an approved continuous supporting system if installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**703.3 Sanitary and storm sewers.** Where separate systems of sanitary drainage and storm drainage are installed in the same property, the sanitary and storm building sewers or drains shall be permitted to be laid side by side in one trench.

**703.4 Existing building sewers and drains.** Existing building sewers and drains shall connect with new *building sewer* and drainage systems only where found by examination and test to conform to the new system in quality of material. The code official shall notify the owner to make the changes necessary to conform to this code.

**703.5 Cleanouts on building sewers.** Cleanouts on building sewers shall be located as set forth in Section 708.

## SECTION 704 DRAINAGE PIPING INSTALLATION

**704.1 Slope of horizontal drainage piping.** Horizontal drainage piping shall be installed in uniform alignment at uniform slopes. The minimum slope of a horizontal drainage pipe shall be in accordance with Table 704.1.

TABLE 704.1  
SLOPE OF HORIZONTAL DRAINAGE PIPE

SIZE (inches)	MINIMUM SLOPE (inch per foot)
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or less	$\frac{1}{4}$
3 to 6	$\frac{1}{8}$
8 or larger	$\frac{1}{16}$

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 inch per foot = 83.3 mm/m.

**704.2 Change in size.** The size of the drainage piping shall not be reduced in size in the direction of the flow. A 4-inch by 3-inch (102 mm by 76 mm) water closet connection shall not be considered as a reduction in size.

**704.3 Connections to offsets and bases of stacks.** Horizontal branches shall connect to the bases of stacks at a point located not less than 10 times the diameter of the drainage *stack* downstream from the *stack*. Except as prohibited by Section 711.2, horizontal branches shall connect to horizontal *stack* offsets at a point located not less than 10 times the diameter of the drainage *stack* downstream from the upper *stack*.

**704.4 Future fixtures.** Drainage piping for future fixtures shall terminate with an *approved* cap or plug.

**704.5 Dead ends.** In the installation or removal of any part of a drainage system, dead ends shall be prohibited. Cleanout extensions and approved future fixture drainage piping shall not be considered as dead ends.

## SECTION 705 JOINTS

**705.1 General.** This section contains provisions applicable to joints specific to sanitary drainage piping.

**705.2 ABS plastic.** Joints between ABS plastic pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.2.1 through 705.2.3.



**705.2.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints on drainage pipes shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C 1173, ASTM D 3212 or CSA B602. Mechanical joints shall be installed only in underground systems unless otherwise *approved*. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.2.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. Solvent cement that conforms to ASTM D 2235 or CSA B181.1 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 2235, ASTM D 2661, ASTM F 628 or CSA B181.1. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**705.2.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Schedule 80 or heavier pipe shall be permitted to be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe. *Approved* thread lubricant or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**705.3 Asbestos cement.** Joints between asbestos-cement pipe or fittings shall be made with a sleeve coupling of the same composition as the pipe, sealed with an elastomeric ring conforming to ASTM D 1869.

**705.4 Brass.** Joints between brass pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.4.1 through 705.4.4.

**705.4.1 Brazed joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. An *approved* flux shall be applied where required. The joint shall be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**705.4.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.4.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe-joint compound or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**705.4.4 Welded joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. The joint shall be welded with an *approved* filler metal.

**705.5 Cast iron.** Joints between cast-iron pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.5.1 through 705.5.3.

**705.5.1 Caulked joints.** Joints for hub and spigot pipe shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp. Molten lead shall be poured in one operation to a depth of not less than 1 inch (25 mm). The lead shall not recede more than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch (3.2 mm) below the rim of the hub and shall be caulked tight. Paint, varnish or other coatings shall not be permitted on the jointing material until after the joint has been tested and *approved*. Lead shall be run in one pouring and shall be caulked tight. Acid-resistant rope and acidproof cement shall be permitted.

**705.5.2 Compression gasket joints.** Compression gaskets for hub and spigot pipe and fittings shall conform to ASTM C 564 and shall be tested to ASTM C 1563. Gaskets shall be compressed when the pipe is fully inserted.

**705.5.3 Mechanical joint coupling.** Mechanical joint couplings for hubless pipe and fittings shall comply with CISPI 310, ASTM C 1277 or ASTM C 1540. The elastomeric seal-

ing sleeve shall conform to ASTM C 564 or CAN/CSA B602 and shall be provided with a center stop. Mechanical joint couplings shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**705.6 Concrete joints.** Joints between concrete pipe and fittings shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C 443, ASTM C 1173, CAN/CSA A257.3M or CAN/CSA B602.

**705.7 Coextruded composite ABS pipe, joints.** Joints between coextruded composite pipe with an ABS outer layer or ABS fittings shall comply with Sections 705.7.1 and 705.7.2.

**705.7.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints on drainage pipe shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C1173, ASTM D 3212 or CSA B602. Mechanical joints shall not be installed in above-ground systems, unless otherwise *approved*. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.7.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. Solvent cement that conforms to ASTM D 2235 or CSA B181.1 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 2235, ASTM D 2661, ASTM F 628 or CSA B181.1. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**705.8 Coextruded composite PVC pipe.** Joints between coextruded composite pipe with a PVC outer layer or PVC fittings shall comply with Sections 705.8.1 and 705.8.2.

**705.8.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints on drainage pipe shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM D 3212. Mechanical joints shall not be installed in above-ground systems, unless otherwise *approved*. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.8.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. A purple primer or an ultraviolet purple primer that conforms to ASTM F 656 shall be applied. When an ultraviolet primer is used, the installer shall provide an ultraviolet light to the inspector to be used during the inspection. Solvent cement not purple in color and conforming to ASTM D 2564, CSA-B137.3, CSA B181.2 or CSA B182.1 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet and shall be in accordance with ASTM D 2855. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**705.9 Copper pipe.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.9.1 through 705.9.5.

**705.9.1 Brazed joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. An *approved* flux shall be applied where required. The joint shall be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**705.9.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.9.3 Soldered joints.** Solder joints shall be made in accordance with the methods of ASTM B 828. All cut tube

ends shall be reamed to the full inside diameter of the tube end. All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. A flux conforming to ASTM B 813 shall be applied. The joint shall be soldered with a solder conforming to ASTM B 32.

**705.9.4 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe-joint compound or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**705.9.5 Welded joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. The joint shall be welded with an *approved* filler metal.

**705.10 Copper tubing.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy tubing or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.10.1 through 705.10.3.

**705.10.1 Brazed joints.** All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. An *approved* flux shall be applied where required. The joint shall be brazed with a filler metal conforming to AWS A5.8.

**705.10.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.10.3 Soldered joints.** Solder joints shall be made in accordance with the methods of ASTM B 828. All cut tube ends shall be reamed to the full inside diameter of the tube end. All joint surfaces shall be cleaned. A flux conforming to ASTM B 813 shall be applied. The joint shall be soldered with a solder conforming to ASTM B 32.

**705.11 Borosilicate glass joints.** Glass-to-glass connections shall be made with a bolted compression-type stainless steel (300 series) coupling with contoured acid-resistant elastomeric compression ring and a fluorocarbon polymer inner seal ring; or with caulked joints in accordance with Section 705.11.1.

**705.11.1 Caulked joints.** Every lead-caulked joint for hub and spigot soil pipe shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp and filled with molten lead not less than 1 inch (25 mm) deep and not to extend more than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch (3.2 mm) below the rim of the hub. Paint, varnish or other coatings shall not be permitted on the jointing material until after the joint has been tested and *approved*. Lead shall be run in one pouring and shall be caulked tight. Acid-resistant rope and acidproof cement shall be permitted.

**705.12 Steel.** Joints between galvanized steel pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.12.1 and 705.12.2.

**705.12.1 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Pipe-joint compound or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**705.12.2 Mechanical joints.** Joints shall be made with an *approved* elastomeric seal. Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.13 Lead.** Joints between lead pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.13.1 and 705.13.2.

**705.13.1 Burned.** Burned joints shall be uniformly fused together into one continuous piece. The thickness of the joint shall be at least as thick as the lead being joined. The filler metal shall be of the same material as the pipe.

**705.13.2 Wiped.** Joints shall be fully wiped, with an exposed surface on each side of the joint not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (19.1 mm). The joint shall be at least 0.325 inch (9.5 mm) thick at the thickest point.

**705.14 PVC plastic.** Joints between PVC plastic pipe or fittings shall comply with Sections 705.14.1 through 705.14.3.

**705.14.1 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints on drainage pipe shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C 1173, ASTM D 3212 or CAN/CSA B602. Mechanical joints shall not be installed in above-ground systems, unless otherwise *approved*. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.14.2 Solvent cementing.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. A purple primer or an ultraviolet purple primer that conforms to ASTM F 656 shall be applied. When an ultraviolet primer is used, the installer shall provide an ultraviolet light to the inspector to be used during the inspection. Solvent cement not purple in color and conforming to ASTM D 2564, CSA-B137.3, CSA B181.2 or CSA B182.1 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joint shall be made while the cement is wet and shall be in accordance with ASTM D 2855. Solvent-cement joints shall be permitted above or below ground.

**705.14.3 Threaded joints.** Threads shall conform to ASME B1.20.1. Schedule 80 or heavier pipe shall be permitted to be threaded with dies specifically designed for plastic pipe. *Approved* thread lubricant or tape shall be applied on the male threads only.

**705.15 Vitrified clay.** Joints between vitrified clay pipe or fittings shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C 425, ASTM C 1173 or CAN/CSA B602.

**705.16 Polyethylene plastic pipe.** Joints between polyethylene plastic pipe and fittings shall be underground and shall comply with Section 705.16.1 or 705.16.2.

**705.16.1 Heat-fusion joints.** Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. All joint surfaces shall be cut, heated to melting temperature and joined using tools specifically designed for the operation. Joints shall be undisturbed until cool. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 2657 and the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.16.2 Mechanical joints.** Mechanical joints in drainage piping shall be made with an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C 1173, ASTM D 3212 or CAN/CSA B602. Mechanical joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.17 Polyolefin plastic.** Joints between polyolefin plastic pipe and fittings shall comply with Sections 705.17.1 and 705.17.2.

**705.17.1 Heat-fusion joints.** Heat-fusion joints for polyolefin pipe and tubing joints shall be installed with socket-type heat-fused polyolefin fittings or electrofusion polyolefin fittings. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM F 1412 or CAN/CSA B181.3.

**705.17.2 Mechanical and compression sleeve joints.** Mechanical and compression sleeve joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.18 Polyvinylidene fluoride plastic.** Joints between polyvinylidene plastic pipe and fittings shall comply with Sections 705.18.1 and 705.18.2.

**705.18.1 Heat-fusion joints.** Heat-fusion joints for polyvinylidene fluoride pipe and tubing joints shall be installed with socket-type heat-fused polyvinylidene fluoride fittings or electrofusion polyvinylidene fittings and couplings. Joint surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. The joint shall be undisturbed until cool. Joints shall be made in accordance with ASTM F 1673.

**705.18.2 Mechanical and compression sleeve joints.** Mechanical and compression sleeve joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.19 Joints between different materials.** Joints between different piping materials shall be made with a mechanical joint of the compression or mechanical-sealing type conforming to ASTM C 1173, ASTM C 1460 or ASTM C 1461. Connectors and adapters shall be *approved* for the application and such joints shall have an elastomeric seal conforming to ASTM C 425, ASTM C 443, ASTM C 564, ASTM C 1440, ASTM D 1869, ASTM F 477, CAN/CSA A257.3M or CAN/CSA B602, or as required in Sections 705.19.1 through 705.19.7. Joints between glass pipe and other types of materials shall be made with adapters having a TFE seal. Joints shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.19.1 Copper or copper-alloy tubing to cast-iron hub pipe.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy tubing and cast-iron hub pipe shall be made with a brass ferrule or compression joint. The copper or copper-alloy tubing shall be soldered to the ferrule in an *approved* manner, and the ferrule shall be joined to the cast-iron hub by a caulked joint or a mechanical compression joint.

**705.19.2 Copper or copper-alloy tubing to galvanized steel pipe.** Joints between copper or copper-alloy tubing and galvanized steel pipe shall be made with a brass converter fitting or dielectric fitting. The copper tubing shall be soldered to the fitting in an *approved* manner, and the fitting shall be screwed to the threaded pipe.

**705.19.3 Cast-iron pipe to galvanized steel or brass pipe.** Joints between cast-iron and galvanized steel or brass pipe shall be made by either caulked or threaded joints or with an *approved* adapter fitting.

**705.19.4 Plastic pipe or tubing to other piping material.** Joints between different types of plastic pipe or between plastic pipe and other piping material shall be made with an *approved* adapter fitting. Joints between plastic pipe and cast-iron hub pipe shall be made by a caulked joint or a mechanical compression joint.

**705.19.5 Lead pipe to other piping material.** Joints between lead pipe and other piping material shall be made by a wiped joint to a caulking ferrule, soldering nipple, or bushing or shall be made with an *approved* adapter fitting.

**705.19.6 Borosilicate glass to other materials.** Joints between glass pipe and other types of materials shall be made with adapters having a TFE seal and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**705.19.7 Stainless steel drainage systems to other materials.** Joints between stainless steel drainage systems and other piping materials shall be made with *approved* mechanical couplings.

**705.20 Drainage slip joints.** Slip joints shall comply with Section 405.8.

**705.21 Caulking ferrules.** Ferrules shall be of red brass and shall be in accordance with Table 705.21.

**TABLE 705.21  
CAULKING FERRULE SPECIFICATIONS**

PIPE SIZES (inches)	INSIDE DIAMETER (inches)	LENGTH (inches)	MINIMUM WEIGHT EACH
2	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 pound
3	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 pound 12 ounces
4	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 pounds 8 ounces

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 ounce = 28.35 g, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

**705.22 Soldering bushings.** Soldering bushings shall be of red brass and shall be in accordance with Table 705.22.

**TABLE 705.22  
SOLDERING BUSHING SPECIFICATIONS**

PIPE SIZES (inches)	MINIMUM WEIGHT EACH
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6 ounces
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8 ounces
2	14 ounces
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 pound 6 ounces
3	2 pounds
4	3 pounds 8 ounces

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 ounce = 28.35 g, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

**705.23 Stainless steel drainage systems.** O-ring joints for stainless steel drainage systems shall be made with an *approved* elastomeric seal.

## SECTION 706 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DRAINAGE PIPING AND FITTINGS

**706.1 Connections and changes in direction.** All connections and changes in direction of the sanitary drainage system shall be made with *approved* drainage fittings. Connections between drainage piping and fixtures shall conform to Section 405.

**706.2 Obstructions.** The fittings shall not have ledges, shoulders or reductions capable of retarding or obstructing flow in the piping. Threaded drainage pipe fittings shall be of the recessed drainage type.



**706.3 Installation of fittings.** Fittings shall be installed to guide sewage and waste in the direction of flow. Change in direction shall be made by fittings installed in accordance with Table 706.3. Change in direction by combination fittings, side inlets or increasers shall be installed in accordance with Table 706.3 based on the pattern of flow created by the fitting. Double sanitary tee patterns shall not receive the discharge of back-to-back appliances with pumping action discharge.

**Exception:** Deleted.

**TABLE 706.3**  
**FITTINGS FOR CHANGE IN DIRECTION**

TYPE OF FITTING PATTERN	CHANGE IN DIRECTION		
	Horizontal to vertical	Vertical to horizontal	Horizontal to horizontal
Sixteenth bend	X	X	X
Eighth bend	X	X	X
Sixth bend	X	X	X
Quarter bend	X	X <sup>d,f</sup>	X <sup>e</sup>
Short sweep	X	X <sup>b</sup>	X <sup>a</sup>
Long sweep	X	X	X
Sanitary tee	X <sup>c</sup>	—	—
Wye	X	X	X
Combination wye and eighth bend	X	X	X

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

- The fittings shall only be permitted for a 2-inch or smaller sink or lavatory fixture drain.
- Two inches or larger.
- For a limitation on double sanitary tees, see Section 706.3.
- May be used only within 12 inches below water closet flange measured to centerline of the quarter bend.
- This fitting shall only be permitted to be used as the first fitting directly behind the fixture for drains 2 inches and smaller, except clothes washers.
- The heel inlet connection of a quarter bend may be used as a wet or dry vent if the heel inlet connection of the quarter bend is located in the vertical position. The heel or side inlet connection may be used as a wet vent if the quarter bend is located directly below a water closet or other fixture with one integral trap.

**706.4 Heel- or side-inlet quarter bends.** Deleted.

## SECTION 707 PROHIBITED JOINTS AND CONNECTIONS

**707.1 Prohibited joints.** The following types of joints and connections shall be prohibited:

- Cement or concrete joints.
- Mastic or hot-pour bituminous joints.
- Joints made with fittings not *approved* for the specific installation.
- Joints between different diameter pipes made with elastomeric rolling O-rings.
- Solvent-cement joints between different types of plastic pipe.
- Saddle-type fittings.

## SECTION 708 CLEANOUTS

**708.1 Scope.** This section shall govern the size, location, installation and maintenance of gravity drainage pipe cleanouts.

**708.2 Cleanout plugs.** Cleanout plugs shall be brass or plastic, or other *approved* materials. Brass cleanout plugs shall be utilized with metallic drain, waste and vent piping only, and shall conform to ASTM A 74, ASME A112.3.1 or ASME A112.36.2M. Cleanouts with plate-style *access* covers shall be fitted with corrosion-resisting fasteners. Plastic cleanout plugs shall conform to the requirements of Section 702.4. Plugs shall have raised square or countersunk square heads. Countersunk heads shall be installed where raised heads are a trip hazard. Cleanout plugs with borosilicate glass systems shall be of borosilicate glass.

**708.3 Where required.** Cleanouts shall be located in accordance with Sections 708.3.1 through 708.3.6.

**708.3.1 Horizontal drains within buildings.** All horizontal drains shall be provided with cleanouts located not more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) apart.

**708.3.2 Gravity building sewers.** Building sewers shall be provided with cleanouts located not more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) apart measured from the upstream entrance of the cleanout. For building sewers 8 inches (203 mm) and larger, manholes shall be provided and located not more than 200 feet (60 960 mm) from the junction of the *building drain* and *building sewer*, at each change in direction and at intervals of not more than 400 feet (122 m) apart. Manholes and manhole covers shall be of an *approved* type.

**708.3.3 Changes of direction.** One cleanout shall be required for every four horizontal 45-degree (0.79 rad) changes located in series [a long sweep is equivalent to two 45-degree (0.79 rad) bends].

**708.3.4 Base of stack.** A cleanout shall be provided at the base of each waste or soil *stack*.

**708.3.5 Building drain and building sewer junction.** There shall be a cleanout at the junction of the *building drain* and the *building sewer*. The cleanout shall be outside the building wall and shall be brought up to the finished ground level. An *approved* two-way cleanout is allowed to be used at this location to serve as a required cleanout for both the *building drain* and *building sewer*. The cleanout at the junction of the *building drain* and *building sewer* shall not be required if the cleanout on a 3-inch (76 mm) or larger diameter soil *stack* is located within a *developed length of not more than 15 feet (4572 mm) from* of the *building drain* and *building sewer* connection and is extended to the outside of the building. The minimum size of the cleanout at the junction of the *building drain* and *building sewer* shall comply with Section 708.7.

**708.3.6 Manholes.** Manholes serving a *building drain* shall have secured gas-tight covers and shall be located in accordance with Section 708.3.2.

**708.4 Concealed piping.** Cleanouts on concealed piping or piping under a floor slab or in a crawl space of less than 24 inches (610 mm) in height or a plenum shall be extended

through and terminate flush with the finished wall, floor or ground surface or shall be extended to the outside of the building. Cleanout plugs shall not be covered with cement, plaster or any other permanent finish material. Where it is necessary to conceal a cleanout or to terminate a cleanout in an area subject to vehicular traffic, the covering plate, *access* door or cleanout shall be of an *approved* type designed and installed for this purpose.

**708.5 Opening direction.** Every cleanout shall be installed to open to allow cleaning in the direction of the flow of the drainage pipe or at right angles thereto.

**708.6 Prohibited installation.** Cleanout openings shall not be utilized for the installation of new fixtures, except where *approved* and where another cleanout of equal *access* and capacity is provided.

**708.7 Minimum size.** Cleanouts shall be the same nominal size as the pipe they serve up to 4 inches (102 mm). For pipes larger than 4 inches (102 mm) nominal size, the minimum size of the cleanout shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

**Exceptions:** Deleted.

**708.8 Clearances.** Cleanouts on 6-inch (153 mm) and smaller pipes shall be provided with a clearance of not less than 18 inches (457 mm) for rodding. Cleanouts on 8-inch (203 mm) and larger pipes shall be provided with a clearance of not less than 36 inches (914 mm) for rodding.

**708.9 Access.** *Access* shall be provided to all cleanouts.

**708.10 Location.** Each horizontal drainage pipe shall be provided with a cleanout at the upstream end of the pipe.

**Exceptions:** The following plumbing arrangements are acceptable in lieu of the upstream cleanout.

1. "P" traps connected to the drainage piping with slip joints or ground joint connections.
2. "P" traps into which floor drains, shower drains or tub drains with removable strainers discharge.
3. "P" traps into which the straight-through type waste and overflow discharge with the overflow connecting to the top of the tee.
4. "P" traps into which residential washing machines discharge.
5. Test tees or cleanouts in a vertical pipe.
6. Cleanout near the junction of the building drain and the building sewer which may be rodded bothways.
7. Water closets for the water closet fixture drain only.
8. Cast-iron cleanout sizing shall be in accordance with referenced standards in Table 702.4, ASTM A 74 for hub and spigot fittings or ASTM A 888 or CISPI 301 for hubless fittings.

## SECTION 709 FIXTURE UNITS

**709.1 Values for fixtures.** *Drainage fixture unit* values as given in Table 709.1 designate the relative load weight of different kinds of fixtures that shall be employed in estimating the

total load carried by a soil or waste pipe, and shall be used in connection with Tables 710.1(1) and 710.1(2) of sizes for soil, waste and vent pipes for which the permissible load is given in terms of fixture units.

**709.2 Fixtures not listed in Table 709.1.** Fixtures not listed in Table 709.1 shall have a *drainage fixture unit* load based on the outlet size of the fixture in accordance with Table 709.2. The minimum trap size for unlisted fixtures shall be the size of the drainage outlet but not less than 1 1/4 inches (32 mm).

TABLE 709.2  
DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNITS FOR FIXTURE DRAINS OR TRAPS

FIXTURE DRAIN OR TRAP SIZE (inches)	DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNIT VALUE
1 1/4	1
1 1/2	2
2	3
2 1/2	4
3	5
4	6

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**709.3 Values for continuous and semicontinuous flow.** *Drainage fixture unit* values for continuous and semicontinuous flow into a drainage system shall be computed on the basis that 1 gpm (0.06 L/s) of flow is equivalent to two fixture units.

**709.4 Values for indirect waste receptor.** The *drainage fixture unit* load of an indirect waste receptor receiving the discharge of indirectly connected fixtures shall be the sum of the *drainage fixture unit* values of the fixtures that discharge to the receptor, but not less than the *drainage fixture unit* value given for the indirect waste receptor in Table 709.1 or 709.2.

**709.4.1 Clear-water waste receptors.** Where waste receptors such as floor drains, floor sinks and hub drains receive only clear-water waste from display cases, refrigerated display cases, ice bins, coolers and freezers, such receptors shall have a *drainage fixture unit* value of one-half.

## SECTION 710 DRAINAGE SYSTEM SIZING

**710.1 Maximum fixture unit load.** The maximum number of drainage fixture units connected to a given size of *building sewer*, *building drain* or horizontal *branch* of the *building drain* shall be determined using Table 710.1(1). The maximum number of drainage fixture units connected to a given size of horizontal *branch* or vertical soil or waste *stack* shall be determined using Table 710.1(2).

**710.1.1 Horizontal stack offsets.** Horizontal *stack* offsets shall be sized as required for building drains in accordance with Table 710.1(1), except as required by Section 711.4.

**710.1.2 Vertical stack offsets.** Vertical *stack* offsets shall be sized as required for straight stacks in accordance with Table 710.1(2), except where required to be sized as a *building drain* in accordance with Section 711.1.1.



**TABLE 709.1**  
**DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNITS FOR FIXTURES AND GROUPS**

FIXTURE TYPE	DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNIT VALUE AS LOAD FACTORS	MINIMUM SIZE OF TRAP (inches)
Automatic clothes washers, commercial <sup>a,g</sup>	3	2
Automatic clothes washers, residential <sup>g</sup>	2	2
Bathroom group as defined in Section 202 (1.6 gpf water closet) <sup>f,i</sup>	5	—
Bathroom group as defined in Section 202 (water closet flushing greater than 1.6 gpf) <sup>f</sup>	6	—
Bathtub <sup>b</sup> (with or without overhead shower or whirlpool attachments)	2	1½
Bidet	1	1¼
Combination sink and tray	2	1½
Dental lavatory	1	1¼
Dental unit or cuspidor	1	1¼
Dishwashing machine, <sup>c</sup> domestic	2	1½
Drinking fountain	½	1¼
Emergency floor drain	0	2
Floor drains <sup>h</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup>	2
Floor sinks	Note h	2
Kitchen sink, domestic	2	1½
Kitchen sink, domestic with food waste grinder and/or dishwasher <sup>i</sup>	2	1½
Laundry tray (1 or 2 compartments)	2	1½
Lavatory	1	1¼
Shower (based on the total flow rate through showerheads and body sprays) Flow rate:		
5.7 gpm or less	2	2
Greater than 5.7 gpm to 12.3 gpm	3	2
Greater than 12.3 gpm to 25.8 gpm	5	3
Greater than 25.8 gpm to 55.6 gpm	6	4
Service sink	2	1½
Sink	2	1½
Urinal	4	Note d
Urinal, 1 gallon per flush or less	2 <sup>e</sup>	Note d
Urinal, nonwater supplied	½	Note d
Wash sink (circular or multiple) each set of faucets	2	1½
Water closet, flushometer tank, public or private	4 <sup>e</sup>	Note d
Water closet, private (1.6 gpf)	3 <sup>e</sup>	Note d
Water closet, private (flushing greater than 1.6 gpf)	4 <sup>e</sup>	Note d
Water closet, public (1.6 gpf)	4 <sup>e</sup>	Note d
Water closet, public (flushing greater than 1.6 gpf)	6 <sup>e</sup>	Note d

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 gallon = 3.785 L, gpf = gallon per flushing cycle, gpm = gallon per minute.

a. For traps larger than 3 inches, use Table 709.2.

b. A showerhead over a bathtub or whirlpool bathtub attachment does not increase the drainage fixture unit value.

c. See Sections 709.2 through 709.4.1 for methods of computing unit value of fixtures not listed in this table or for rating of devices with intermittent flows.

d. Trap size shall be consistent with the fixture outlet size.

e. For the purpose of computing loads on building drains and sewers, water closets and urinals shall not be rated at a lower drainage fixture unit unless the lower values are confirmed by testing.

f. For fixtures added to a dwelling unit bathroom group, add the dfu value of those additional fixtures to the bathroom group fixture count.

g. See Section 406.3 for sizing requirements for fixture drain, branch drain, and drainage stack for an automatic clothes washer standpipe.

h. See Sections 709.4 and 709.4.1.

i. Fixture arm and trap shall be 1½-inch minimum; vertical drain shall be 2-inch minimum.

j. For one- and two-family dwelling units, add 2 DFU for each additional full bath.

**TABLE 710.1(1)**  
**BUILDING DRAINS AND SEWERS**

DIAMETER OF PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNITS CONNECTED TO ANY PORTION OF THE BUILDING DRAIN OR THE BUILDING SEWER, INCLUDING BRANCHES OF THE BUILDING DRAIN <sup>a,b,d</sup>			
	Slope per foot			
	1/16 inch	1/8 inch	1/4 inch	1/2 inch
1 1/4	—	—	1	1
1 1/2	—	—	3	3
2	—	—	21	26
2 1/2	—	—	24	31
3 <sup>c</sup>	—	36	42	50
4	—	180	216	250
5	—	390	480	575
6	—	700	840	1,000
8	1,400	1,600	1,920	2,300
10	2,500	2,900	3,500	4,200
12	3,900	4,600	5,600	6,700
15	7,000	8,300	10,000	12,000

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 inch per foot = 83.3 mm/m.

a. The minimum size of any building drain serving a water closet shall be 3 inches.

b. No building sewer shall be less than 4 inches in size.

c. No more than three water closets.

d. Minimum 2-inch diameter.

**TABLE 710.1(2)**  
**HORIZONTAL FIXTURE BRANCHES AND STACKS<sup>a,f</sup>**

DIAMETER OF PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNITS (dfu)			
	Total for horizontal branch <sup>e</sup>	Stacks <sup>b</sup>		
		Total discharge into one branch interval	Total for stack of three branch intervals or less	Total for stack greater than three branch intervals
1 1/2	3	2	4	8
2	6	6	10	24
2 1/2	12	9	20	42
3 <sup>g</sup>	20 <sup>d</sup>	20 <sup>d</sup>	48	72
4	160	90	240	500
5	360	200	540	1,100
6	620	350	960	1,900
8	1,400	600	2,200	3,600
10	2,500	1,000	3,800	5,600
12	3,900	1,500	6,000	8,400
15	7,000	Note c	Note c	Note c

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

a. Does not include branches of the building drain. Refer to Table 710.1(1).

b. Stacks shall be sized based on the total accumulated connected load at each story or branch interval. As the total accumulated connected load decreases, stacks are permitted to be reduced in size. Stack diameters shall not be reduced to less than one-half of the diameter of the largest stack size required.

c. Sizing load based on design criteria.

d. No more than three water closets.

e. 50 percent less for circuit-vented fixture branches.

f. Minimum of 2-inch diameter underground.

g. The minimum size of any branches serving a water closet shall be 3 inches.

**710.2 Future fixtures.** Where provision is made for the future installation of fixtures, those provided for shall be considered in determining the required sizes of drain pipes.

## SECTION 711 OFFSETS IN DRAINAGE PIPING IN BUILDINGS OF FIVE STORIES OR MORE

**711.1 Horizontal branch connections above or below vertical stack offsets.** If a horizontal *branch* connects to the *stack* within 2 feet (610 mm) above or below a vertical *stack* offset, and the offset is located more than four *branch intervals* below the top of the *stack*, the offset shall be vented in accordance with Section 916.

**711.1.1 Omission of vents for vertical stack offsets.** Vents for vertical offsets required by Section 711.1 shall not be required where the *stack* and its offset are sized as a *building drain* [see Table 710.1(1)].

**711.2 Horizontal branch connections to horizontal stack offsets.** Where a horizontal *stack* offset is located more than four *branch intervals* below the top of the *stack*, a horizontal *branch* shall not connect within the horizontal *stack* offset or within 2 feet (610 mm) above or below such offset.

**711.3 Horizontal stack offsets.** A *stack* with a horizontal offset located more than four *branch intervals* below the top of the *stack* shall be vented in accordance with Section 915 and sized as follows:

1. The portion of the *stack* above the offset shall be sized as for a vertical *stack* based on the total number of drainage fixture units above the offset.
2. The offset shall be sized in accordance with Section 710.1.1.
3. The portion of the *stack* below the offset shall be sized as for the offset or based on the total number of drainage fixture units on the entire *stack*, whichever is larger [see Table 710.1(2), Column 5].

**711.3.1 Omission of vents for horizontal stack offsets.** Vents for horizontal *stack* offsets required by Section 711.3 shall not be required where the *stack* and its offset are one pipe size larger than required for a *building drain* [see Table 710.1(1)] and the entire *stack* and offset are not less in cross-sectional area than that required for a straight *stack* plus the area of an offset vent as provided for in Section 915. Omission of offset vents in accordance with this section shall not constitute approval of horizontal *branch* connections within the offset or within 2 feet (610 mm) above or below the offset.

**711.4 Offsets below lowest branch.** Where a vertical offset occurs in a soil or waste *stack* below the lowest horizontal *branch*, a change in diameter of the *stack* because of the offset shall not be required. If a horizontal offset occurs in a soil or waste *stack* below the lowest horizontal *branch*, the required diameter of the offset and the *stack* below it shall be determined as for a *building drain* in accordance with Table 710.1(1).

## SECTION 712 SUMPS AND EJECTORS

**712.1 Building subdrains.** Building subdrains that cannot be discharged to the *sewer* by gravity flow shall be discharged into a tightly covered and vented sump from which the liquid shall be lifted and discharged into the building gravity drainage system by automatic pumping equipment or other *approved* method. In other than existing structures, the sump shall not receive drainage from any piping within the building capable of being discharged by gravity to the *building sewer*.

**712.2 Fittings required.** A check valve and a full open valve, and cleanout located on the discharge side of the check valve shall be installed in the pump or ejector discharge piping between the pump or ejector and the gravity drainage system. *Access* shall be provided to such valves. Such valves shall be located above the sump cover required by Section 712.1 or, where the discharge pipe from the ejector is below grade, the valves shall be accessibly located outside the sump below grade in an *access* pit with a removable *access* cover.

**712.3 Sump design.** The sump pump, pit and discharge piping shall conform to the requirements of Sections 712.3.1 through 712.3.5.

**712.3.1 Sump pump.** The sump pump capacity and head shall be appropriate to anticipated use requirements.

**712.3.2 Sump pit.** The sump pit shall be not less than 18 inches (457 mm) in diameter and 24 inches (610 mm) deep, unless otherwise *approved*. The pit shall be accessible and located such that all drainage flows into the pit by gravity. The sump pit shall be constructed of tile, concrete, steel, plastic or other *approved* materials. The pit bottom shall be solid and provide permanent support for the pump. The sump pit shall be fitted with a gas-tight removable cover adequate to support anticipated loads in the area of use. The sump pit shall be vented in accordance with Chapter 9.

**712.3.3 Discharge piping.** Discharge piping and fittings shall be constructed of *approved pressure rated* materials.

**712.3.4 Maximum effluent level.** The effluent level control shall be adjusted and maintained to at all times prevent the effluent in the sump from rising to within 2 inches (51 mm) of the invert of the gravity drain inlet into the sump.

**712.3.4.1 Sump alarms.** Sumps that discharge by means of automatic pumping equipment shall be provided with an approved, electrically operated high-water indicating alarm. A remote sensor shall activate the alarm when the fluid level exceeds a preset level that is less than the maximum capacity of the sump. The alarm shall function to provide an audiovisual signal to occupants within the dwelling. Electrical power for the alarm shall be supplied through a branch circuit separate from that supplying the pump motor.

**712.3.5 Ejector connection to the drainage system.** Pumps connected to the drainage system shall connect to the *building sewer* or shall connect to a wye fitting in the *building drain* a minimum of 10 feet (3048 mm) from the base of any soil *stack*, waste *stack* or *fixture drain*. Where the dis-

charge line connects into horizontal drainage piping, the connector shall be made through a wye fitting into the top of the drainage piping.

**712.4 Sewage pumps and sewage ejectors.** A sewage pump or ejector pump discharge pipe shall not discharge directly into a septic tank. The pumped line shall discharge laterally into a 4-inch (102 mm) gravity line not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from the connection to the tank through a lateral wye branch.

**712.4.1 Macerating toilet systems.** Macerating toilet systems shall comply with CSA B45.9 or ASME A112.3.4 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**712.4.2 Capacity.** A sewage pump or sewage ejector shall have the capacity and head for the application requirements. Pumps or ejectors that receive the discharge of water closets shall be capable of handling spherical solids with a diameter of up to and including 2 inches (51 mm). Other pumps or ejectors shall be capable of handling spherical solids with a diameter of up to and including 1 inch (25.4 mm). The minimum capacity of a pump or ejector based on the diameter of the discharge pipe shall be in accordance with Table 712.4.2.

#### Exceptions:

1. Grinder pumps or grinder ejectors that receive the discharge of water closets shall have a minimum discharge opening of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (32 mm).
2. Macerating toilet assemblies that serve single water closets shall have a minimum discharge opening of 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch (19 mm).

**TABLE 712.4.2**  
**MINIMUM CAPACITY OF SEWAGE PUMP OR SEWAGE EJECTOR**

DIAMETER OF THE DISCHARGE PIPE (inches)	CAPACITY OF PUMP OR EJECTOR (gpm)
2	21
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	30
3	46

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

## SECTION 713 HEALTH CARE PLUMBING

**713.1 Scope.** This section shall govern those aspects of health care plumbing systems that differ from plumbing systems in other structures. Health care plumbing systems shall conform to this section in addition to the other requirements of this code. The provisions of this section shall apply to the special devices and equipment installed and maintained in the following occupancies: nursing homes; homes for the aged; orphanages; infirmaries; first aid stations; psychiatric facilities; clinics; professional offices of dentists and doctors; mortuaries; educational facilities; surgery, dentistry, research and testing laboratories; establishments manufacturing pharmaceutical drugs

and medicines; and other structures with similar apparatus and equipment classified as plumbing.

**713.2 Bedpan washers and clinical sinks.** Bedpan washers and clinical sinks shall connect to the drainage and vent system in accordance with the requirements for a water closet. Bedpan washers shall also connect to a local vent.

**713.3 Indirect waste.** All sterilizers, steamers and condensers shall discharge to the drainage through an indirect waste pipe by means of an *air gap*. Where a battery of not more than three sterilizers discharges to an individual receptor, the distance between the receptor and a sterilizer shall not exceed 8 feet (2438 mm). The indirect waste pipe on a bedpan steamer shall be trapped.

**713.4 Vacuum system station.** Ready access shall be provided to vacuum system station receptacles. Such receptacles shall be built into cabinets or recesses and shall be visible.

**713.5 Bottle system.** Vacuum (fluid suction) systems intended for collecting, removing and disposing of blood, pus or other fluids by the bottle system shall be provided with receptacles equipped with an overflow prevention device at each vacuum outlet station.

**713.6 Central disposal system equipment.** All central vacuum (fluid suction) systems shall provide continuous service. Systems equipped with collecting or control tanks shall provide for draining and cleaning of the tanks while the system is in operation. In hospitals, the system shall be connected to the emergency power system. The exhausts from a vacuum pump serving a vacuum (fluid suction) system shall discharge separately to open air above the roof.

**713.7 Central vacuum or disposal systems.** Where the waste from a central vacuum (fluid suction) system of the barometric-lag, collection-tank or bottle-disposal type is connected to the drainage system, the waste shall be directly connected to the sanitary drainage system through a trapped waste.

**713.7.1 Piping.** The piping of a central vacuum (fluid suction) system shall be of corrosion-resistant material with a smooth interior surface. A *branch* shall not be less than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) nominal pipe size for one outlet and shall be sized in accordance with the number of vacuum outlets. A main shall not be less than 1-inch (25 mm) nominal pipe size. The pipe sizing shall be increased in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions as stations are increased.

**713.7.2 Velocity.** The velocity of airflow in a central vacuum (fluid suction) system shall be less than 5,000 feet per minute (25 m/s).

**713.8 Vent connections prohibited.** Connections between local vents serving bedpan washers or sterilizer vents serving sterilizing apparatus and normal sanitary plumbing systems are prohibited. Only one type of apparatus shall be served by a local vent.

**713.9 Local vents and stacks for bedpan washers.** Bedpan washers shall be vented to open air above the roof by means of one or more local vents. The local vent for a bedpan washer



shall not be less than a 2-inch-diameter (51 mm) pipe. A local vent serving a single bedpan washer is permitted to drain to the fixture served.

**713.9.1 Multiple installations.** Where bedpan washers are located above each other on more than one floor, a local vent *stack* is permitted to be installed to receive the local vent on the various floors. Not more than three bedpan washers shall be connected to a 2-inch (51 mm) local vent *stack*, not more than six to a 3-inch (76 mm) local vent *stack* and not more than 12 to a 4-inch (102 mm) local vent *stack*. In multiple installations, the connections between a bedpan washer local vent and a local vent *stack* shall be made with tee or tee-wye sanitary pattern drainage fittings installed in an upright position.

**713.9.2 Trap required.** The bottom of the local vent *stack*, except where serving only one bedpan washer, shall be drained by means of a trapped and vented waste connection to the sanitary drainage system. The trap and waste shall be the same size as the local vent *stack*.

**713.9.3 Trap seal maintenance.** A water supply pipe not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6.4 mm) in diameter shall be taken from the flush supply of each bedpan washer on the discharge or fixture side of the vacuum breaker, shall be trapped to form not less than a 3-inch (76 mm) water seal, and shall be connected to the local vent *stack* on each floor. The water supply shall be installed so as to provide a supply of water to the local vent *stack* for cleansing and drain trap seal maintenance each time a bedpan washer is flushed.

**713.10 Sterilizer vents and stacks.** Multiple installations of pressure and nonpressure sterilizers shall have the vent connections to the sterilizer vent *stack* made by means of inverted wye fittings. *Access* shall be provided to vent connections for the purpose of inspection and maintenance.

**713.10.1 Drainage.** The connection between sterilizer vent or exhaust openings and the sterilizer vent *stack* shall be designed and installed to drain to the funnel or basket-type waste fitting. In multiple installations, the sterilizer vent *stack* shall be drained separately to the lowest sterilizer funnel or basket-type waste fitting or receptor.

**713.11 Sterilizer vent stack sizes.** Sterilizer vent *stack* sizes shall comply with Sections 713.11.1 through 713.11.4.

**713.11.1 Bedpan steamers.** The minimum size of a sterilizer vent serving a bedpan steamer shall be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches (38 mm) in diameter. Multiple installations shall be sized in accordance with Table 713.11.1.

**713.11.2 Boiling-type sterilizers.** The minimum size of a sterilizer vent *stack* shall be 2 inches (51 mm) in diameter where serving a utensil sterilizer and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches (38 mm) in diameter where serving an instrument sterilizer. Combinations of boiling-type sterilizer vent connections shall be sized in accordance with Table 713.11.1.

**713.11.3 Pressure sterilizers.** Pressure sterilizer vent stacks shall be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches (64 mm) minimum. Those serving combinations of pressure sterilizer exhaust connections shall be sized in accordance with Table 713.11.3.

**TABLE 713.11.1**  
**STACK SIZES FOR BEDPAN STEAMERS AND**  
**BOILING-TYPE STERILIZERS**  
(Number of Connections of Various Sizes Permitted to Various-sized Sterilizer Vent Stacks)

STACK SIZE (inches)	CONNECTION SIZE	
	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2
$1\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>a</sup>	1	or 0
2 <sup>a</sup>	2	or 1
2 <sup>b</sup>	1	and 1
3 <sup>a</sup>	4	or 2
3 <sup>b</sup>	2	and 2
4 <sup>a</sup>	8	or 4
4 <sup>b</sup>	4	and 4

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

a. Total of each size.

b. Combination of sizes.

**TABLE 713.11.3**  
**STACK SIZES FOR PRESSURE STERILIZERS**  
(Number of Connections of Various Sizes Permitted To Various-sized Vent Stacks)

STACK SIZE (inches)	CONNECTION SIZE			
	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
$1\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>a</sup>	3 or	2 or	1	—
$1\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>b</sup>	2 and	1	—	—
2 <sup>a</sup>	6 or	3 or	2 or	1
2 <sup>b</sup>	3 and	2	—	—
2 <sup>b</sup>	2 and	1 and	1	—
2 <sup>b</sup>	1 and	1 and	—	1
3 <sup>a</sup>	15 or	7 or	5 or	3
3 <sup>b</sup>	1 and	1 and 5 and	2 and	2 1

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

a. Total of each size.

b. Combination of sizes.

**713.11.4 Pressure instrument washer sterilizer sizes.** The minimum diameter of a sterilizer vent *stack* serving an instrument washer sterilizer shall be 2 inches (51 mm). Not more than two sterilizers shall be installed on a 2-inch (51 mm) *stack*, and not more than four sterilizers shall be installed on a 3-inch (76 mm) *stack*.

## SECTION 714 COMPUTERIZED DRAINAGE DESIGN Deleted

## SECTION 715 BACKWATER VALVES

**715.1 Sewage backflow.** Where plumbing fixtures are installed on a floor with a finished floor elevation below the ele-

vation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the *public sewer*; such fixtures shall be protected by a backwater valve installed in the *building drain, branch* of the *building drain* or horizontal *branch* serving such fixtures. Plumbing fixtures installed on a floor with a finished floor elevation above the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the *public sewer* shall not discharge through a backwater valve.

**715.2 Material.** All bearing parts of backwater valves shall be of corrosion-resistant material. Backwater valves shall comply with ASME A112.14.1, CSA B181.1 or CSA B181.2.

**715.3 Seal.** Backwater valves shall be so constructed as to provide a mechanical seal against backflow.

**715.4 Diameter.** Backwater valves, when fully opened, shall have a capacity not less than that of the pipes in which they are installed.

**715.5 Location.** Backwater valves shall be installed so that *access* is provided to the working parts for service and repair.

**715.6 Crawl spaces.** All hub drains or floor drains installed in crawl spaces shall be protected from backflow into the building by a check valve or backwater valve installed in the lateral serving the said hub drain or floor drain.

## CHAPTER 8

# INDIRECT/SPECIAL WASTE

### SECTION 801 GENERAL

**801.1 Scope.** This chapter shall govern matters concerning indirect waste piping and special wastes. This chapter shall further control matters concerning food-handling establishments, sterilizers, clear-water wastes, swimming pools, methods of providing air breaks or air gaps, and neutralizing devices for corrosive wastes. Condensate piping between the air-conditioning unit and the point of discharge shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the North Carolina Mechanical Code.

**801.2 Protection.** All devices, appurtenances, appliances and apparatus intended to serve some special function, such as sterilization, distillation, processing, cooling, or storage of ice or foods, and that discharge to the drainage system, shall be provided with protection against backflow, flooding, fouling, contamination and stoppage of the drain.

### SECTION 802 INDIRECT WASTES

**802.1 Where required.** Food-handling equipment and clear-water waste shall discharge through an indirect waste pipe as specified in Sections 802.1.1 through 802.1.8. All health-care related fixtures, devices and equipment shall discharge to the drainage system through an indirect waste pipe by means of an *air gap* in accordance with this chapter and Section 713.3. Fixtures not required by this section to be indirectly connected shall be directly connected to the plumbing system in accordance with Chapter 7.

**802.1.1 Food handling.** Equipment and fixtures utilized for the storage, preparation and handling of food shall discharge through an indirect waste pipe by means of an *air gap*.

**Exception:** This requirement shall not apply to residential type dishwashing machines and residential-type dishwashing sinks.

**802.1.2 Floor drains in food storage areas.** Floor drains located within walk-in refrigerators or freezers in food service and food establishments shall be indirectly connected to the sanitary drainage system by means of an *air gap*. Where a floor drain is located within an area subject to freezing, the waste line serving the floor drain shall not be trapped and shall indirectly discharge into a waste receptor located outside of the area subject to freezing.

**Exception:** Deleted.

**802.1.3 Potable clear-water waste.** Where devices and equipment, such as sterilizers and relief valves, discharge potable water to the building drainage system, the discharge shall be through an indirect waste pipe by means of an *air gap*. Drinking fountains may be connected directly or indirectly.

**802.1.4 Swimming pools.** Where wastewater from swimming pools, backwash from filters and water from pool deck drains discharge to the building drainage system, the discharge shall be through an indirect waste pipe by means of an *air gap*.

**802.1.5 Nonpotable clear-water waste.** Where devices and equipment such as process tanks, filters, condensate drains, drips and boilers discharge nonpotable water to the building drainage system, the discharge shall be through an indirect waste pipe by means of an *air break* or an *air gap*.

**802.1.6 Domestic dishwashing machines.** Domestic dishwashing machines shall discharge indirectly through an *air gap* or *air break* into a standpipe or waste receptor in accordance with Section 802.2, or discharge into a wye-branch fitting on the tailpiece of the kitchen sink or the dishwasher connection of a food waste grinder. The waste line of a domestic dishwashing machine discharging into a kitchen sink tailpiece or food waste grinder shall connect to a deck-mounted *air gap* or the waste line shall rise and be securely fastened to the underside of the sink rim or counter.

**802.1.7 Commercial dishwashing machines.** The discharge from a commercial dishwashing machine shall be through an *air gap* or *air gap into* a standpipe or waste receptor in accordance with Section 802.2.1.

**802.1.8 Food utensils, dishes, pots and pans sinks.** Sinks used for the washing, rinsing or sanitizing of utensils, dishes, pots, pans or serviceware used in the preparation, serving or eating of food shall discharge indirectly through an *air gap* or an *air break* or directly connect to the drainage system.

**802.2 Installation.** All indirect waste piping shall discharge through an *air gap* or *air break* into a waste receptor or standpipe. Waste receptors and standpipes shall be trapped and vented and shall connect to the building drainage system. All indirect waste piping that exceeds 2 feet (610 mm) in *developed length* measured horizontally, or 4 feet (1219 mm) in total *developed length*, shall be trapped.

**802.2.1 Air gap.** The *air gap* between the indirect waste pipe and the *flood level rim* of the waste receptor shall be a minimum of twice the *effective opening* of the indirect waste pipe.

**802.2.2 Air break.** An *air break* shall be provided between the indirect waste pipe and the trap seal of the waste receptor or standpipe.

**802.3 Waste receptors.** Every waste receptor shall be of an *approved* type. A removable strainer or basket shall cover the waste outlet of waste receptors. Waste receptors shall be installed in ventilated spaces. Waste receptors shall not be installed in bathrooms or toilet rooms or in any inaccessible or unventilated space such as a closet or storeroom. Ready *access* shall be provided to waste receptors.

**802.3.1 Size of receptors.** A waste receptor shall be sized for the maximum discharge of all indirect waste pipes served by the receptor. Receptors shall be installed to prevent splashing or flooding.

**802.3.2 Open hub waste receptors.** Waste receptors shall be permitted in the form of a hub or pipe extending not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm) above a water-impervious floor and are not required to have a strainer.

**802.4 Standpipes.** Standpipes shall be 2 inches (51 mm) in diameter and not less than 18 inches (762 mm) or more than 48 inches (1219 mm) in height as measured from the crown weir. The standpipe shall extend 34 inches (864 mm) minimum above the base of the clothes washer unless recommended otherwise by the manufacturer. The connection of a laundry tray waste line may be made into a standpipe for the automatic clothes-washer drain. The outlet of the laundry tray shall be a maximum horizontal distance of 30 inches (762 mm) from the standpipe trap.

## SECTION 803 SPECIAL WASTES

**803.1 Wastewater temperature.** Steam pipes shall not connect to any part of a drainage or plumbing system and water above 140°F (60°C) shall not be discharged into any part of a drainage system. Such pipes shall discharge into an indirect waste receptor connected to the drainage system.

**803.2 Neutralizing device required for corrosive wastes.** Corrosive liquids, spent acids or other harmful chemicals that destroy or injure a drain, *sewer*, soil or waste pipe, or create noxious or toxic fumes or interfere with sewage treatment processes shall not be discharged into the plumbing system without being thoroughly diluted, neutralized or treated by passing through an *approved* dilution or neutralizing device. Such devices shall be automatically provided with a sufficient supply of diluting water or neutralizing medium so as to make the contents noninjurious before discharge into the drainage system. The nature of the corrosive or harmful waste and the method of its treatment or dilution shall be *approved* prior to installation.

**803.3 System design.** Deleted.

**803.4 Piscina drain.** The drain from a wash basin (piscina) located in a sacristy may be connected directly to a dry well.

**803.5 Acid soil and waste piping.** For engineered acid soil and waste drainage systems, the type of pipe shall be selected by a registered design professional. For nonengineered acid soil and waste drainage systems, the piping shall be of a material which is designed and recommended by the manufacturer as suitable for the type of waste drained. Piping shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. When installed within buildings, piping of combustible materials shall be of a flame-retardant type rated at least V-2 in accordance with UL-94. Concentrations of acid waste which are sufficient to adversely affect the conventional drainage system shall be suitably diluted or neutralized before interconnection. Fittings shall conform to the type of piping used.

## SECTION 804 MATERIALS, JOINTS AND CONNECTIONS

**804.1 General.** The materials and methods utilized for the construction and installation of indirect waste pipes and systems shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 7.



## CHAPTER 9

# VENTS

### SECTION 901 GENERAL

**901.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the materials, design, construction and installation of vent systems.

**901.2 Trap seal protection.** The plumbing system shall be provided with a system of vent piping that will permit the admission or emission of air so that the seal of any fixture trap shall not be subjected to a pneumatic pressure differential of more than 1 inch of water column (249 Pa).

**901.2.1 Venting required.** Every trap and trapped fixture shall be vented in accordance with one of the venting methods specified in this chapter. All fixtures discharging downstream from a water closet shall be individually vented except as provided in Section 911.

**901.3 Chemical waste vent system.** The vent system for a chemical waste system shall be independent of the sanitary vent system and shall terminate separately through the roof to the open air, and not less than 6 inches (152 mm) above roof or parapet.

**901.4 Use limitations.** The plumbing vent system shall not be utilized for purposes other than the venting of the plumbing system.

**901.5 Tests.** The vent system shall be tested in accordance with Section 312.

**901.6 Engineered systems.** Deleted.

### SECTION 902 MATERIALS

**902.1 Vents.** The materials and methods utilized for the construction and installation of venting systems shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 702.

**902.2 Sheet copper.** Sheet copper for vent pipe flashings shall conform to ASTM B 152 and shall weigh not less than 8 ounces per square foot (2.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

**902.3 Sheet lead.** Sheet lead for vent pipe flashings shall weigh not less than 3 pounds per square foot (15 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) for field-constructed flashings and not less than 2½ pounds per square foot (12 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) for prefabricated flashings.

### SECTION 903 OUTDOOR VENT EXTENSION

**903.1 Stack required.** Every building in which plumbing is installed shall have at least one stack the size of which is not less than one-half of the required diameter of the building drain, and not less than 2 inches (51 mm) in diameter. Such stack shall run undiminished in size and as directly as possible from the building drain through to the open air or to a vent header that extends to the open air.

**903.1.1 Connection to drainage system.** A vent stack shall connect to the building drain or to the base of a drainage stack in accordance with Section 903.4. A stack vent shall be an extension of the drainage stack. For townhouses and one- and two-family dwellings, the main vent shall connect to the building drain, building stack or branch thereof not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in size.

**903.1.2 Size.** Deleted.

**903.2 Vent stack required.** A vent *stack* shall be required for every drainage *stack* that has five *branch intervals* or more.

**Exception:** Drainage stacks installed in accordance with Section 910.

**903.3 Vent termination.** Vent stacks or stack vents shall extend outdoors and terminate open air.

**903.4 Vent connection at base.** Every vent *stack* shall connect to the base of the drainage *stack*. The vent *stack* shall connect at or below the lowest horizontal *branch*. Where the vent *stack* connects to the *building drain*, the connection shall be located downstream of the drainage *stack* and within a distance of 10 times the diameter of the drainage *stack*.

**903.5 Vent headers.** *Stack vents* and vent stacks connected into a common vent header at the top of the stacks and extending to the open air at one point shall be sized in accordance with the requirements of Section 916.1. The number of fixture units shall be the sum of all fixture units on all stacks connected thereto, and the *developed length* shall be the longest vent length from the intersection at the base of the most distant *stack* to the vent terminal in the open air, as a direct extension of one *stack*.

### SECTION 904 VENT TERMINALS

**904.1 Roof extension.** All open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least 6 inches (152 mm) above the roof, except that where a roof is used by the public or tenants for any purpose, the vent extensions shall be run at least 7 feet (2134 mm) above the roof.

**904.2 Frost closure.** Where the 97.5-percent value for outside design temperature is 0°F (-18°C) or less, every vent extension through a roof or wall shall be a minimum of 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter. Any increase in the size of the vent shall be made inside the structure a minimum of 1 foot (305 mm) below the roof or inside the wall.

**904.3 Flashings.** The juncture of each vent pipe with the roof line shall be made water-tight by an *approved* flashing.

**904.4 Prohibited use.** Vent terminals shall not be used as a flag pole or to support flag poles, television aerials or similar items, except when the piping has been anchored in an *approved* manner.

**904.5 Location of vent terminal.** An open vent terminal from a drainage system shall not be located directly beneath any door, openable window, or other air intake opening of the building or of an adjacent building or property line, and any such vent terminal shall not be within 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally of such an opening unless it is at least 2 feet (610 mm) above the top of such opening.

**904.6 Extension through the wall.** Vent terminals extending through the wall shall terminate a minimum of 10 feet (3048 mm) from the lot line and 10 feet (3048 mm) above average ground level. Vent terminals shall not terminate under the overhang of a structure with soffit vents. Side wall vent terminals shall not terminate horizontally to prevent birds or rodents from entering or blocking the vent opening.

**904.7 Extension outside a structure.** In climates where the 97.5-percent value for outside design temperature is less than 0°F (-18°C), vent pipes installed on the exterior of the structure shall be protected against freezing by insulation, heat or both.

## SECTION 905 VENT CONNECTIONS AND GRADES

**905.1 Connection.** All individual, *branch* and circuit vents shall connect to a vent *stack*, *stack vent*, air admittance valve or extend to the open air.

**905.2 Grade.** All vent and *branch* vent pipes shall be so graded and connected as to drain back to the drainage pipe by gravity.

**905.3 Vent connection to drainage system.** Every dry vent connecting to a horizontal drain shall connect above the centerline of the horizontal drain pipe.

**905.4 Vertical rise of vent.** Every dry vent shall rise vertically to a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) above the *flood level rim* of the highest trap or trapped fixture being vented.

**Exception:** When vents for interceptors and isolated floor drains are not located near an adjacent wall, the vent must rise 6 inches (152 mm) vertically before turning horizontally and continuing to the nearest wall. For cleaning purposes, a cleanout the same size as the vent shall be installed.

**905.5 Height above fixtures.** A connection between a vent pipe and a vent *stack* or *stack vent* shall be made at least 6 inches (152 mm) above the *flood level rim* of the highest fixture served by the vent. Horizontal vent pipes forming *branch* vents, relief vents or loop vents shall be at least 6 inches (152 mm) above the *flood level rim* of the highest fixture served.

**905.6 Vent for future fixtures.** Where the drainage piping has been roughed-in for future fixtures, a rough-in connection for a vent shall be installed. The vent size shall be not less than one-half the diameter of the rough-in drain to be served. The vent rough-in shall connect to the vent system, or shall be vented by other means as provided for in this chapter. The connection shall be identified to indicate that it is a vent.

## SECTION 906 FIXTURE VENTS

**906.1 Distance of trap from vent.** Each fixture trap shall have a protecting vent located so that the slope and the *developed length* in the *fixture drain* from the trap weir to the vent fitting are within the requirements set forth in Table 906.1.

**Exception:** Deleted.

**906.2 Venting of fixture drains.** The total fall in a *fixture drain* due to pipe slope shall not exceed the diameter of the *fixture drain*, nor shall the vent connection to a *fixture drain*, except for water closets, be below the weir of the trap.

**906.3 Crown vent.** A vent shall not be installed within two pipe diameters of the trap weir.

TABLE 906.1  
MAXIMUM DISTANCE OF FIXTURE TRAP FROM VENT

SIZE OF TRAP (inches)	SLOPE (inch per foot)	DISTANCE FROM TRAP (feet)
1 1/4	1/4	5
1 1/2	1/4	6
2	1/4	8
3	1/8	12
4	1/8	16

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm,  
1 inch per foot = 83.3 mm/m.

## SECTION 907 INDIVIDUAL VENT

**907.1 Individual vent permitted.** Each trap and trapped fixture is permitted to be provided with an individual vent. The individual vent shall connect to the *fixture drain* of the trap or trapped fixture being vented.

## SECTION 908 COMMON VENT

**908.1 Individual vent as common vent.** An individual vent is permitted to vent two traps or trapped fixtures as a common vent. The traps or trapped fixtures being common vented shall be located on the same floor level.

**908.2 Connection at the same level.** Where the fixture drains being common vented connect at the same level, the vent connection shall be at the interconnection of the fixture drains or downstream of the interconnection.

**908.3 Connection at different levels.** Where the fixture drains connect at different levels, the vent shall connect as a vertical extension of the vertical drain. The vertical drain pipe connecting the two fixture drains shall be considered the vent for the lower *fixture drain*, and shall be sized in accordance with Table 908.3. The upper fixture shall not be a water closet or clothes washer.

**TABLE 908.3  
COMMON VENT SIZES**

PIPE SIZE (inches)	MAXIMUM DISCHARGE FROM UPPER FIXTURE DRAIN (dfu)
1½	1
2	4
2½ to 3	6

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

## SECTION 909 WET VENTING

**909.1 Wet vent permitted.** Any combination of fixtures located on the same floor level is permitted to be vented by a wet vent. The wet vent shall be considered the vent for the fixtures and shall extend from the connection of the dry vent along the direction of the flow in the drain pipe to the most downstream *fixture drain* connection to the *horizontal branch drain*. A residential clothes washer drain line shall not be used as a wet vent.

**909.1.1 Vertical wet vent permitted.** Any combination of fixtures located on the same floor level is permitted to be vented by a vertical wet vent. The vertical wet vent shall be considered the vent for the fixtures and shall extend from the connection of the dry vent down to the lowest *fixture drain* connection. Each fixture shall connect independently to the vertical wet vent. Water closet drains shall connect at the same elevation. Other fixture drains shall connect above or at the same elevation as the water closet fixture drains. The dry-vent connection to the vertical wet vent shall be an individual or common vent serving one or two fixtures.

**909.2 Vent connection.** The dry-vent connection to the wet vent shall be an individual vent or common vent. The dry vent shall be sized based on the largest required diameter of pipe within the wet vent system served by the dry vent.

**909.2.1 Horizontal wet vent.** Deleted.

**909.2.2 Vertical wet vent.** Deleted.

**909.3 Size.** The wet vent shall be of a minimum size as specified in Table 909.3, based on the fixture unit discharge to the wet vent.

**TABLE 909.3  
WET VENT SIZE**

WET VENT PIPE SIZE (inches)	DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNIT LOAD (dfu)
1½	1
2	4
2½	6
3	12

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**909.4 Multistory bathroom groups.** On the lower floors of a multistory building, the waste pipe from one or two lavatories may be used as a wet vent for one or two bathtubs or showers provided that:

1. The wet vent and its extension to the vent stack is not less than 2-inch (51 mm) diameter;
2. Each water closet below the top floor is individually back vented; and
3. The vent stack is sized in accordance with Table 909.4.

**Exception:** In multistory bathroom groups (does not apply to one- and two-family dwellings), wet vented in accordance with Section 909.4, the water closets below the top floor need not be individually vented if a 2-inch (51 mm) wet vent connects downstream of the water closet.

**TABLE 909.4  
SIZE OF VENT STACK**

NUMBER OF WET VENTED FIXTURES	DIAMETER OF VENT STACKS (in.)
1 or 2 bathtubs or showers	2
3 to 5 bathtubs or showers	2½
6 to 9 bathtubs or showers	3
10 to 16 bathtubs or showers	4

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

## SECTION 910 WASTE STACK VENT

**910.1 Waste stack vent permitted.** A waste *stack* shall be considered a vent for all of the fixtures discharging to the *stack* where installed in accordance with the requirements of this section.

**910.2 Stack installation.** The waste *stack* shall be vertical, and both horizontal and vertical offsets shall be prohibited between the lowest *fixture drain* connection and the highest *fixture drain* connection. Every *fixture drain* shall connect separately to the waste *stack*. The *stack* shall not receive the discharge of water closets or urinals.

**910.3 Stack vent.** A *stack vent* shall be provided for the waste *stack*. The size of the *stack vent* shall be not less than the size of the waste *stack*. Offsets shall be permitted in the *stack vent*, shall be located at least 6 inches (152 mm) above the flood level of the highest fixture and shall be in accordance with Section 905.2. The *stack vent* shall be permitted to connect with other *stack vents* and vent stacks in accordance with Section 903.5.

**910.4 Waste stack size.** The waste *stack* shall be sized based on the total discharge to the *stack* and the discharge within a *branch* interval in accordance with Table 910.4. The waste *stack* shall be the same size throughout its length.

**TABLE 910.4  
WASTE STACK VENT SIZE**

STACK SIZE (inches)	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNITS (dfu)	
	Total discharge into one branch interval	Total discharge for stack
1½	1	2
2	2	4
2½	No limit	8
3	No limit	24
4	No limit	50
5	No limit	75
6	No limit	100

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

## SECTION 911 CIRCUIT VENTING

**911.1 Circuit vent permitted.** A maximum of eight fixtures connected to a horizontal *branch* drain shall be permitted to be circuit vented. Each *fixture drain* shall connect horizontally to the horizontal *branch* being circuit vented. The horizontal *branch* drain shall be classified as a vent from the most downstream *fixture drain* connection to the most upstream *fixture drain* connection to the horizontal *branch*.

**911.1.1 Multiple circuit-vented branches.** Circuit-vented horizontal *branch* drains are permitted to be connected together. Each group of a maximum of eight fixtures shall be considered a separate circuit vent and shall conform to the requirements of this section.

**911.2 Vent connection.** The circuit vent connection shall be located between the two most upstream fixture drains. The vent shall connect to the horizontal *branch* and shall be installed in accordance with Section 905. The circuit vent pipe shall not receive the discharge of any soil or waste.

**911.3 Slope and size of horizontal branch.** The maximum slope of the vent section of the *horizontal branch drain* shall be one unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (8-percent slope). The entire length of the vent section of the *horizontal branch drain* shall be sized for the total drainage discharge to the *branch*.

**911.3.1 Size of multiple circuit vent.** Each separate circuit-vented horizontal *branch* that is interconnected shall be sized independently in accordance with Section 911.3. The downstream circuit-vented horizontal *branch* shall be sized for the total discharge into the *branch*, including the upstream branches and the fixtures within the *branch*.

**911.4 Relief vent.** A relief vent shall be provided for circuit-vented horizontal branches receiving the discharge of four or more water closets and connecting to a drainage *stack* that

receives the discharge of soil or waste from upper horizontal branches.

**911.4.1 Connection and installation.** The relief vent shall connect to the horizontal *branch* drain between the *stack* and the most downstream *fixture drain* of the circuit vent. The relief vent shall be installed in accordance with Section 905.

**911.4.2 Fixture drain or branch.** The relief vent is permitted to be a *fixture drain* or *fixture branch* for fixtures located within the same *branch interval* as the circuit-vented horizontal *branch*. The maximum discharge to a relief vent shall be four fixture units.

**911.5 Additional fixtures.** Fixtures, other than the circuit-vented fixtures, are permitted to discharge to the horizontal *branch* drain. Such fixtures shall be located on the same floor as the circuit-vented fixtures and shall be either individually or common vented.

## SECTION 912 COMBINATION WASTE DRAIN AND VENT SYSTEM

**912.1 Approval.** Plans and specifications for each combination waste and vent system shall be submitted to the plumbing official, and approval shall be obtained before any installation is started.

### 912.2 Limits.

**912.2.1** A combination waste and vent system is limited to sinks, dishwashers, floor sinks, indirect waste receptors, floor drains or similar applications where the fixtures are not adjacent to walls or partitions. It consists of the installation of waste piping in which the trap of the fixture is not individually vented.

**912.2.2** Appurtenances delivering large quantities of water or sewage (such as pumps) shall be excluded in a combination waste and vent system in order that adequate venting will be maintained.

**912.2.3 Vent size.** The vent shall be sized for the total *drainage fixture unit* load in accordance with Section 916.2.

**912.2.4 Fixture branch or drain.** The fixture *branch* or *fixture drain* shall connect to the combination drain and vent within a distance specified in Table 906.1. The combination drain and vent pipe shall be considered the vent for the fixture.

**912.3 Dishwashers.** Dishwashers and scullery sinks in commercial buildings shall drain through a grease interceptor sized in accordance with this code, and they shall discharge into a floor sink through a minimum air gap.

**Table 912.3 Size of Combination Drain and Vent Pipe. Deleted.**



#### 912.4 General design.

**912.4.1** Every waste pipe and trap in this system shall be at least two pipe sizes larger than the size required in Chapter 7, and at least two pipe sizes larger than any fixture tailpiece or connection, except that when “P” traps are installed above the floor, the “P” trap and horizontal fixture drain need not meet this requirement. The vertical waste pipe two sizes larger than the fixture outlet connection shall be extended above the floor to normal roughing height, and a cleanout shall be installed in top of the connecting waste tee. The fixture drain length shall be limited by Table 906.1. Floor sinks shall be connected through a running trap two pipe sizes larger than the sink outlet. Floor sink and waste piping from the floor sink to the trap shall be sized for the total fixture units draining thereto, based on Table 709.1, but in no case shall the line be less than 2-inch (51 mm) soil pipe when piping is underground.

**912.4.2** A vent shall be provided at the upstream end of each branch, washed over or under by the last fixture on the branch. No vent shall take off from the horizontal waste branch at an angle of less than 45 degrees (0.785 rad) from the horizontal unless washed by a fixture. A minimum size vent shall be located at all points where branches intersect. A vent shall be located downstream from all fixtures in the system, in addition to the upstream vent, separating this system from all other systems in the building. No fixtures other than those permitted in Section 912.2 shall discharge into any branch or portion of this system.

**912.4.3** The design of the system shall ensure that the vertical distance from fixture or drain outlet to trap weir does not exceed 24 inches (610 mm). Long runs shall be provided with additional relief vents located at intervals of not more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) to equalize pressure in the system.

**912.5 Size of vents.** The size of vents shall be in accordance with requirements of Section 916.1 and Table 916.1, but the diameter shall be not less than one-half of the diameter of the waste pipe served.

**912.6 Receptor drain size.** Indirect waste receptors shall be sized for the fixture units draining thereto, regardless of other requirements of this code.

### SECTION 913 ISLAND FIXTURE VENTING

**913.1 Limitation.** Island fixture venting shall not be permitted for fixtures other than sinks and lavatories. Residential kitchen sinks with a dishwasher waste connection, a food waste grinder, or both, in combination with the kitchen sink waste, shall be permitted to be vented in accordance with this section.

**913.2 Vent connection.** The island fixture vent shall connect to the fixture drain as required for an individual or common vent. The vent shall rise vertically to above the drainage outlet of the fixture being vented before offsetting horizontally or vertically downward. For multiple island fixture vents, the vent or branch vent shall extend to a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) above the highest island fixture being vented before connecting to the outside vent terminal.

**913.3 Vent installation below the fixture flood level rim.** The vent located below the flood level rim of the fixture being vented shall be installed as required for drainage piping in accordance with Chapter 7, except for sizing. The vent shall be sized in accordance with Section 916.2. The lowest point of the island fixture vent shall connect full size to the drainage system. The connection shall be to a vertical drain pipe or to the top half of a horizontal drain pipe. Cleanouts shall be provided in the island fixture vent to permit rodding of all vent piping located below the flood level rim of the fixtures. Rodding in both directions shall be permitted through a cleanout.

### SECTION 914 RELIEF VENTS—STACKS OF MORE THAN 10 BRANCH INTERVALS

**914.1 Where required.** Soil and waste stacks in buildings having more than 10 branch intervals shall be provided with a relief vent at each tenth interval installed, beginning with the top floor.

**914.2 Size and connection.** The size of the relief vent shall be equal to the size of the vent stack to which it connects. The lower end of each relief vent shall connect to the soil or waste stack through a wye below the horizontal branch serving the floor, and the upper end shall connect to the vent stack through a wye not less than 3 feet (914 mm) above the floor.

### SECTION 915 VENTS FOR STACK OFFSETS

**915.1 Vent for horizontal offset of drainage stack.** Horizontal offsets of drainage stacks shall be vented where five or more branch intervals are located above the offset. The offset shall be vented by venting the upper section of the drainage stack and the lower section of the drainage stack.

**915.2 Upper section.** The upper section of the drainage stack shall be vented as a separate stack with a vent stack connection installed in accordance with Section 903.4. The offset shall be considered the base of the stack.

**915.3 Lower section.** The lower section of the drainage stack shall be vented by a yoke vent connecting between the offset and the next lower horizontal branch. The yoke vent connection shall be permitted to be a vertical extension of the drainage stack. The size of the yoke vent and connection shall be a minimum of the size required for the vent stack of the drainage stack.

### SECTION 916 VENT PIPE SIZING

**916.1 Size of stack vents and vent stacks.** The minimum required diameter of stack vents and vent stacks shall be determined from the developed length and the total of drainage fixture units connected thereto in accordance with Table 916.1, but in no case shall the diameter be less than one-half the diameter of the drain served or less than 1¼ inches (32 mm).

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**TABLE 916.1  
SIZE AND DEVELOPED LENGTH OF STACK VENTS AND VENT STACKS**

DIAMETER OF SOIL OR WASTE STACK (inches)	TOTAL FIXTURE UNITS BEING VENTED (dfu)	MAXIMUM DEVELOPED LENGTH OF VENT (feet) <sup>a</sup> DIAMETER OF VENT (inches)										
		1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3	4	5	6	8	10	12
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2	30										
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8	50	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10	30	100									
2	12	30	75	200								
2	20	26	50	150		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	42		30	100	300							
3	10		42	150	360	1,040						
3	21	—	32	110	270	810	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	53		27	94	230	680						
3	102		25	86	210	620						
4	43	—		35	85	250	980	—	—	—	—	—
4	140			27	65	200	750					
4	320			23	55	170	640					
4	540	—	—	21	50	150	580		—	—	—	—
5	190				28	82	320	990				
5	490				21	63	250	760				
5	940	—	—	—	18	53	210	670	—	—	—	—
5	1,400				16	49	190	590				
6	500					33	130	400	1,000			
6	1,100	—	—	—	—	26	100	310	780	—	—	—
6	2,000					22	84	260	660			
6	2,900					20	77	240	600			
8	1,800	—	—	—	—		31	95	240	940	—	—
8	3,400						24	73	190	720		
8	5,600						20	62	160	610		
8	7,600	—	—	—	—	—	18	56	140	560		—
10	4,000							31	78	310	960	
10	7,200							24	60	240	740	
10	11,000	—	—	—	—	—		20	51	200	630	—
10	15,000							18	46	180	570	
12	7,300								31	120	380	940
12	13,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	94	300	720
12	20,000								20	79	250	610
12	26,000								18	72	230	500
15	15,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		40	130	310
15	25,000									31	96	240
15	38,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	81	200
15	50,000									24	74	180

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. The developed length shall be measured from the vent connection to the open air.

**916.2 Vents other than stack vents or vent stacks.** The diameter of individual vents, *branch* vents, circuit vents and relief vents shall be at least one-half the required diameter of the drain served. The required size of the drain shall be determined in accordance with Table 710.1(2). Vent pipes shall not be less than 1¼ inches (32 mm) in diameter. Vents exceeding 40 feet (12 192 mm) in *developed length* shall be increased by one nominal pipe size for the entire *developed length* of the vent pipe. Relief vents for soil and waste stacks in buildings having more than 10 *branch intervals* shall be sized in accordance with Section 914.2.

**916.3 Developed length.** The *developed length* of individual, *branch*, circuit and relief vents shall be measured from the farthest point of vent connection to the drainage system to the point of connection to the vent *stack*, *stack vent* or termination outside of the building.

**916.4 Multiple branch vents.** Where multiple *branch* vents are connected to a common *branch* vent, the common *branch* vent shall be sized in accordance with this section based on the size of the common horizontal drainage *branch* that is or would be required to serve the total *drainage fixture unit (dfu)* load being vented.

**916.4.1 Branch vents exceeding 40 feet in developed length.** *Branch* vents exceeding 40 feet (12 192 mm) in *developed length* shall be increased by one nominal size for the entire *developed length* of the vent pipe.

**916.5 Sump vents.** Sump vent sizes shall be determined in accordance with Sections 916.5.1 and 916.5.2.

**916.5.1 Sewage pumps and sewage ejectors other than pneumatic.** Drainage piping below *sewer* level shall be vented in a similar manner to that of a gravity system. Building sump vent sizes for sumps with sewage pumps or sewage ejectors, other than pneumatic, shall be determined in accordance with Table 916.5.1. An open vent terminal from a drainage system shall not be located directly beneath any door, openable window, or other air intake opening of the building or of an adjacent building or property line, and any such vent terminal shall not be within 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally of such an opening unless it is at least 2 feet (610 mm) above the top of such opening.

**916.5.2 Pneumatic sewage ejectors.** The air pressure relief pipe from a pneumatic sewage ejector shall be connected to an independent vent *stack* terminating as required for vent extensions through the roof. The relief pipe shall be sized to relieve air pressure inside the ejector to atmospheric pressure, but shall not be less than 1¼ inches (32 mm) in size.

## SECTION 917 AIR ADMITTANCE VALVES

**917.1 General.** Vent systems utilizing air admittance valves shall comply with this section. Individual and branch-type air admittance valves shall conform to ASSE 1051.

**917.2 Installation.** The valves shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of this section and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Air admittance valves shall be installed after the DWV testing required by Section 312.2 or 312.3 has been performed.

TABLE 916.5.1  
SIZE AND LENGTH OF SUMP VENTS

DISCHARGE CAPACITY OF PUMP (gpm)	MAXIMUM DEVELOPED LENGTH OF VENT (feet) <sup>a</sup>					
	Diameter of vent (inches)					
	1¼	1½	2	2½	3	4
10	No limit <sup>b</sup>	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit
20	270	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit
40	72	160	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit
60	31	75	270	No limit	No limit	No limit
80	16	41	150	380	No limit	No limit
100	10 <sup>c</sup>	25	97	250	No limit	No limit
150	Not permitted	10 <sup>c</sup>	44	110	370	No limit
200	Not permitted	Not permitted	20	60	210	No limit
250	Not permitted	Not permitted	10	36	132	No limit
300	Not permitted	Not permitted	10 <sup>c</sup>	22	88	380
400	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	10 <sup>c</sup>	44	210
500	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	24	130

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

a. Developed length plus an appropriate allowance for entrance losses and friction due to fittings, changes in direction and diameter. Suggested allowances shall be obtained from NSB Monograph 31 or other approved sources. An allowance of 50 percent of the developed length shall be assumed if a more precise value is not available.

b. Actual values greater than 500 feet.

c. Less than 10 feet.

**917.3 Where permitted.** Individual, branch and circuit vents shall be permitted to terminate with a connection to an air admittance valve. ~~The air~~ admittance valves shall vent only fixtures that are on the same floor level and connect to a horizontal branch drain. The horizontal branch drain shall conform to Section 917.3.1 or 917.3.2.

**917.3.1 Location of branch.** The *horizontal branch drain* shall connect to the drainage *stack* or *building drain* a maximum of four *branch intervals* from the top of the *stack*.

**917.3.2 Relief vent.** ~~The horizontal branch~~ is located more than four *branch intervals* from the top of the *stack*, the horizontal *branch* shall be provided with a relief vent that shall connect to a vent *stack* or *stack vent*, or extend outdoors to the open air. The relief vent shall connect to the horizontal *branch* drain between the *stack* or *building drain* and the most downstream *fixture drain* connected to the horizontal *branch* drain. The relief vent shall be sized in accordance with Section 916.2 and installed in accordance with Section 905. The relief vent shall be permitted to serve as the vent for other fixtures.

**917.3.3 Stack.** Deleted.

**917.4 Location.** The air admittance valve shall be located a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) above the horizontal branch drain or fixture drain being vented. ~~The~~ air admittance valve shall be located within the maximum developed length permitted for the vent. The air admittance valve shall be installed a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) above insulation materials.

**917.5 Access and ventilation.** *Access* shall be provided to all air admittance valves. The valve shall be located within a ventilated space that allows air to enter the valve.

**917.6 Size.** The air admittance valve shall be rated in accordance with the standard for the size of the vent to which the valve is connected.

**917.7 Vent required.** Within each plumbing system, a minimum of one *stack vent* or vent *stack* shall extend outdoors to the open air.

**917.8 Prohibited installations.** Air admittance valves shall not be installed in nonneutralized special waste systems as described in Chapter 8. Air admittance valves shall not be located in spaces utilized as supply or return air plenums. Air admittance valves without an engineered design shall not be utilized to vent sumps or tanks of any type.

## SECTION 918 ENGINEERED VENT SYSTEMS Deleted

## SECTION 919 COMPUTERIZED VENT DESIGN Deleted

## SECTION 920 SINGLE STACK PLUMBING SYSTEMS (SOVENT)

**920.1** Design and installation shall be in accordance with design criteria contained in the Copper Development Association (CDA) Handbook No. 802. Materials shall meet standards and specifications listed in Tables 702.1 and 702.4 for drain, waste and vent pipe and fittings.



## CHAPTER 10

# TRAPS, INTERCEPTORS AND SEPARATORS

### SECTION 1001 GENERAL

**1001.1 Scope.** This chapter shall govern the material and installation of traps, interceptors and separators.

### SECTION 1002 TRAP REQUIREMENTS

**1002.1 Fixture traps.** Each plumbing fixture shall be separately trapped by a liquid-seal trap, except as otherwise permitted by this code. The vertical distance from the fixture outlet to the trap weir shall not exceed 24 inches (610 mm), and the horizontal distance shall not exceed 30 inches (610 mm) measured from the centerline of the fixture outlet to the centerline of the inlet of the trap. The height of a clothes washer standpipe above a trap shall conform to Section 802.4. A fixture shall not be double trapped.

#### Exceptions:

1. This section shall not apply to fixtures with integral traps.
2. A combination plumbing fixture or up to three similar fixtures is permitted to be installed on one trap, provided that one compartment is not more than 6 inches (152 mm) deeper than the other compartment and the waste outlets are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) apart.
3. A grease interceptor intended to serve as a fixture trap in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions shall be permitted to serve as the trap for a single fixture or a combination sink of not more than three compartments where the vertical distance from the fixture outlet to the inlet of the interceptor does not exceed 30 inches (762 mm) and the *developed length* of the waste pipe from the most upstream fixture outlet to the inlet of the interceptor does not exceed 60 inches (1524 mm).
4. The connection of a laundry tray complying with Section 802.4.

**1002.2 Design of traps.** Fixture traps shall be self-scouring. Fixture traps shall not have interior partitions, except where such traps are integral with the fixture or where such traps are constructed of an *approved* material that is resistant to corrosion and degradation. Slip joints shall be made with an *approved* elastomeric gasket and shall be installed only on the trap inlet, trap outlet and within the trap seal.

**1002.3 Prohibited traps.** The following types of traps are prohibited:

1. Traps that depend on moving parts to maintain the seal.
2. Bell traps.
3. Crown-vented traps.

4. Traps not integral with a fixture and that depend on interior partitions for the seal, except those traps constructed of an *approved* material that is resistant to corrosion and degradation.
5. "S" traps.
6. Drum traps.

**Exception:** Drum traps used as solids interceptors and drum traps serving chemical waste systems shall not be prohibited.

**1002.4 Trap seals.** Each fixture trap shall have a liquid seal of not less than 2 inches (51 mm) and not more than 4 inches (102 mm), or deeper for special designs relating to accessible fixtures. Where a trap seal is subject to loss by evaporation, a trap seal primer valve shall be installed. Trap seal primer valves shall connect to the trap at a point above the level of the trap seal. A trap seal primer valve shall conform to ASSE 1018 or ASSE 1044.

**1002.5 Size of fixture traps.** Fixture trap size shall be sufficient to drain the fixture rapidly and not less than the size indicated in Table 709.1. A trap shall not be larger than the drainage pipe into which the trap discharges.

**1002.6 Building traps.** Deleted.

**1002.7 Trap setting and protection.** Traps shall be set level with respect to the trap seal and, where necessary, shall be protected from freezing.

**1002.8 Recess for trap connection.** Deleted.

**1002.9 Acid-resisting traps.** Deleted.

**1002.10 Plumbing in mental health centers.** Deleted.

### SECTION 1003 INTERCEPTORS AND SEPARATORS

**1003.1 Where required.** Interceptors and separators shall be provided to prevent the discharge of oil, grease, sand and other substances harmful or hazardous to the building drainage system, the *public sewer*, the private sewage disposal system or the sewage treatment plant or processes.

**1003.2 Approval.** The size, type and location of each interceptor and of each separator shall be designed and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the requirements of the local utility department or health department and the requirements of this section based on the anticipated conditions of use. Wastes that do not require treatment or separation shall not be discharged into any interceptor or separator.

**1003.3 Grease interceptors.** Grease interceptors shall comply with the requirements of Sections 1003.3.1 through 1003.3.5 or with requirements of the local utility department or health department.

**1003.3.1 Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices required.** A grease interceptor or automatic grease removal device shall be required to receive the drainage from fixtures and equipment with grease-laden waste located in food preparation areas, such as in restaurants, hotel kitchens, hospitals, school kitchens, bars, factory cafeterias and clubs. Fixtures and equipment shall include pot sinks, prerinse sinks; soup kettles or similar devices; wok stations; floor drains or sinks into which kettles are drained; automatic hood wash units and dishwashers without prerinse sinks. Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall receive waste only from fixtures and equipment that allow fats, oils or grease to be discharged.

**1003.3.2 Food waste grinders.** Where food waste grinders connect to grease interceptors, a solids interceptor shall separate the discharge before connecting to the grease interceptor. Solids interceptors and grease interceptors shall be sized and rated for the discharge of the food waste grinder. Emulsifiers, chemicals, enzymes and bacteria shall not discharge into the food waste grinder.

**1003.3.3 Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices not required.** A grease interceptor or an automatic grease removal device shall not be required for individual dwelling units or any private living quarters.

**1003.3.4 Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices.** Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be sized in accordance with PDI G101, ASME A112.14.3 Appendix A, or ASME A112.14.4. Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be designed and tested in accordance with PDI G101, ASME A112.14.3 or ASME A112.14.4. Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Exception:** Interceptors that have a volume of not less than 500 gallons (1893 L) and that are located outdoors shall not be required to meet the requirements of this section.

**1003.3.4.1 Grease interceptor capacity.** Grease interceptors shall have the grease retention capacity indicated in Table 1003.3.4.1 for the flow-through rates indicated.

**1003.3.4.2 Rate of flow controls.** Grease interceptors shall be equipped with devices to control the rate of water flow so that the water flow does not exceed the rated flow. The flow-control device shall be vented and terminate not less than 6 inches (152 mm) above the flood rim level or be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**1003.3.5 Automatic grease removal devices.** Where automatic grease removal devices are installed, such devices shall be located downstream of each fixture or multiple fixtures in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The automatic grease removal device shall be sized to pretreat the measured or calculated flows for all connected fixtures or equipment. Ready access shall be provided for inspection and maintenance.

**1003.4 Oil separators required.** At repair garages, car-washing facilities, at factories where oily and flammable liquid wastes are produced, separators shall be installed into which all oil-bearing, grease-bearing or flammable wastes shall be discharged before emptying into the building drainage system or other point of disposal.

**Exception:** Deleted.

**TABLE 1003.3.4.1  
CAPACITY OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS<sup>a</sup>**

TOTAL FLOW-THROUGH RATING (gpm)	GREASE RETENTION CAPACITY (pounds)
4	8
6	12
7	14
9	18
10	20
12	24
14	28
15	30
18	36
20	40
25	50
35	70
50	100
75	150
100	200

For SI: 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

a. For total flow-through ratings greater than 100 (gpm), double the flow-through rating to determine the grease retention capacity (pounds).

**1003.4.1 Separation of liquids.** A mixture of treated or untreated light and heavy liquids with various specific gravities shall be separated in an *approved* receptacle.

**1003.4.2 Oil separator design.** Oil separators shall be designed in accordance with Sections 1003.4.2.1 and 1003.4.2.2.

**1003.4.2.1 General design requirements.** Oil separators shall have a depth of not less than 2 feet (610 mm) below the invert of the discharge drain. The outlet opening of the separator shall have not less than an 18-inch (457 mm) water seal.

**1003.4.2.2 Garages and service stations.** Where automobiles are serviced, greased, repaired or washed or where gasoline is dispensed, oil separators shall have a minimum capacity of 6 cubic feet (0.168 m<sup>3</sup>) for the first 100 square feet (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>) of area to be drained, plus 1 cubic foot (0.28 m<sup>3</sup>) for each additional 100 square feet (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>) of area to be drained into the separator. Parking garages in which servicing, repairing or washing is not conducted, and in which gasoline is not dispensed, shall not require a separator. Areas of commercial garages utilized only for storage of automobiles are not required to be drained through a separator.

**1003.5 Sand interceptors in commercial establishments.**

Sand and similar interceptors for heavy solids shall be designed and located so as to be provided with ready *access* for cleaning, and shall have a water seal of not less than 6 inches (152 mm).

**1003.6 Laundries.** Laundry facilities not installed within an individual dwelling unit or intended for individual family use shall be equipped with an interceptor, a wire basket or similar device, removable for cleaning, that prevents passage into the drainage system of solids  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm) or larger in size, string, rags, buttons or other materials detrimental to the public sewage system.

**1003.7 Bottling establishments.** Bottling plants shall discharge process wastes into an interceptor that will provide for the separation of broken glass or other solids before discharging waste into the drainage system.

**1003.8 Slaughterhouses.** Slaughtering room and dressing room drains shall be equipped with *approved* separators. The separator shall prevent the discharge into the drainage system of feathers, entrails and other materials that cause clogging.

**1003.9 Venting of interceptors and separators.** Interceptors and separators shall be designed so as not to become air bound where tight covers are utilized. Each interceptor or separator shall be vented where subject to a loss of trap seal.

**1003.10 Access and maintenance of interceptors and separators.** *Access* shall be provided to each interceptor and separator for service and maintenance. Interceptors and separators shall be maintained by periodic removal of accumulated grease, scum, oil, or other floating substances and solids deposited in the interceptor or separator.

**SECTION 1004****MATERIALS, JOINTS AND CONNECTIONS**

**1004.1 General.** The materials and methods utilized for the construction and installation of traps, interceptors and separators shall comply with this chapter and the applicable provisions of Chapters 4 and 7. The fittings shall not have ledges, shoulders or reductions capable of retarding or obstructing flow of the piping.





## CHAPTER 11

# STORM DRAINAGE

### SECTION 1101 GENERAL

**1101.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the materials, design, construction and installation of storm drainage, except in one- and two-family dwellings.

**1101.2 Where required.** All roofs, paved areas, yards, courts and courtyards shall drain into a separate storm *sewer* system, or a combined *sewer* system, or to an *approved* place of disposal.

**1101.3 Prohibited drainage.** Storm water shall not be drained into sewers intended for sewage only.

**1101.4 Tests.** The conductors and the building *storm drain* shall be tested in accordance with Section 312.

**1101.5 Change in size.** The size of a drainage pipe shall not be reduced in the direction of flow.

**1101.6 Fittings and connections.** All connections and changes in direction of the storm drainage system shall be made with *approved* drainage-type fittings in accordance with Table 706.3. The fittings shall not obstruct or retard flow in the system.

**1101.7 Roof design.** Roofs shall be designed for the maximum possible depth of water that will pond thereon as determined by the relative levels of roof deck and overflow weirs, scuppers, edges or serviceable drains in combination with the deflected structural elements. In determining the maximum possible depth of water, all primary roof drainage means shall be assumed to be blocked.

**1101.8 Cleanouts required.** Cleanouts shall be installed in the storm drainage system and shall comply with the provisions of this code for sanitary drainage pipe cleanouts.

**Exception:** Subsurface drainage system.

**1101.9 Backwater valves.** Storm drainage systems shall be provided with backwater valves as required for sanitary drainage systems in accordance with Section 715.

### SECTION 1102 MATERIALS

**1102.1 General.** The materials and methods utilized for the construction and installation of storm drainage systems shall comply with this section and the applicable provisions of Chapter 7.

**1102.2 Inside storm drainage conductors.** Inside storm drainage conductors installed above ground shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.1.

**Exception:** Plastic pipe shall not be used for storm drainage conductors in buildings in which the top occupied floor exceeds 75 feet (23 m) in height.

**1102.3 Underground building storm drain pipe.** Underground building *storm drain* pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.2.

**1102.4 Building storm sewer pipe.** Building storm *sewer* pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 1102.4.

TABLE 1102.4  
BUILDING STORM SEWER PIPE

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe	ASTM D 2661; ASTM D 2751; ASTM F 628; CAN/CSA B181.1; CAN/CSA B182.1
Asbestos-cement pipe	ASTM C 428
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Concrete pipe	ASTM C 14; ASTM C 76; CAN/CSA A257.1M; CAN/CSA A257.2M
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K, L, M or DWV)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251; ASTM B 306
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM F 2306/F 2306M
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe (Type DWV, SDR26, SDR35, SDR41, PS50 or PS100)	ASTM D 2665; ASTM D 3034; ASTM F 891; CSA B182.4; CSA B181.2; CSA B182.2
Vitrified clay pipe	ASTM C 4; ASTM C 700
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A112.3.1

**1102.5 Subsoil drain pipe.** Subsoil drains shall be open-jointed, horizontally split or perforated pipe conforming to one of the standards listed in Table 1102.5.

TABLE 1102.5  
SUBSOIL DRAIN PIPE

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Asbestos-cement pipe	ASTM C 508
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM F 405; CAN/CSA B182.1; CSA B182.6; CSA B182.8
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Plastic pipe (type sewer pipe, PS25, PS50 or PS100)	ASTM D 2729; ASTM F 891; CSA B182.2; CAN/CSA B182.4
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A 112.3.1
Vitrified clay pipe	ASTM C 4; ASTM C 700

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**1102.6 Roof drains.** Roof drains shall conform to ASME A112.21.2M or ASME A112.3.1.

**1102.7 Fittings.** Pipe fittings shall be *approved* for installation with the piping material installed, and shall conform to the respective pipe standards or one of the standards listed in Table 1102.7. The fittings shall not have ledges, shoulders or reductions capable of retarding or obstructing flow in the piping. Threaded drainage pipe fittings shall be of the recessed drainage type.

**Exception:** Plastic pipe shall not be used for storm drainage conductors in buildings in which the top occupied floor exceeds 75 feet (23 m) in height.

**TABLE 1102.7  
PIPE FITTINGS**

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic	ASTM D 2661; ASTM D 3311; CSA B181.1
Cast-iron	ASME B16.4; ASME B16.12; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301; ASTM A 74
Coextruded composite ABS sewer and drain DR-PS in PS35, PS50, PS100, PS140, PS200	ASTM D 2751
Coextruded composite ABS DWV Schedule 40 IPS pipe (solid or cellular core)	ASTM D 2661; ASTM D 3311; ASTM F 628
Coextruded composite PVC DWV Schedule 40 IPS-DR, PS140, PS200 (solid or cellular core)	ASTM D 2665; ASTM D 3311; ASTM F 891
Coextruded composite PVC sewer and drain DR-PS in PS35, PS50, PS100, PS140, PS200	ASTM D 3034
Copper or copper alloy	ASME B16.15; ASME B16.18; ASME B16.22; ASME B16.23; ASME B16.26; ASME B16.29
Gray iron and ductile iron	AWWA C110
Malleable iron	ASME B16.3
Plastic, general	ASTM F 409
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe	ASTM F 2306/F 2306M
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic	ASTM D 2665; ASTM D 3311; ASTM F 1866 (10 inches diameter and larger)
Steel	ASME B16.9; ASME B16.11; ASME B16.28
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A112.3.1

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

## SECTION 1103 TRAPS

**1103.1 Main trap.** Leaders and storm drains connected to a combined *sewer* shall be trapped. Individual storm water traps shall be installed on the storm water drain *branch* serving each conductor, or a single trap shall be installed in the main *storm drain* just before its connection with the combined *building sewer* or the *public sewer*.

**1103.2 Material.** Storm water traps shall be of the same material as the piping system to which they are attached.

**1103.3 Size.** Traps for individual conductors shall be the same size as the horizontal drain to which they are connected.

**1103.4 Cleanout.** An accessible cleanout shall be installed on the building side of the trap.

## SECTION 1104 CONDUCTORS AND CONNECTIONS

**1104.1 Prohibited use.** Conductor pipes shall not be used as soil, waste or vent pipes, and soil, waste or vent pipes shall not be used as conductors.

**1104.2 Combining storm with sanitary drainage.** The sanitary and storm drainage systems of a structure shall be entirely separate except where combined *sewer* systems are utilized. Where a combined *sewer* is utilized, the building *storm drain* shall be connected in the same horizontal plane through a single-wye fitting to the combined *sewer* at least 10 feet (3048 mm) downstream from any soil *stack*.

**1104.3 Floor drains.** Floor drains shall not be connected to a *storm drain*.

## SECTION 1105 ROOF DRAINS

**1105.1 Strainers.** Roof drains shall have strainers extending not less than 3 inches (76 mm) above the surface of the roof immediately adjacent to the roof drain. Strainers shall have an available inlet area, above roof level, of not less than one and one-half times the area of the conductor or leader to which the drain is connected.

**1105.2 Flat decks.** Roof drain strainers for use on sun decks, parking decks and similar areas that are normally serviced and maintained shall comply with Section 1105.1 or shall be of the flat-surface type, installed level with the deck, with an available inlet area not less than two times the area of the conductor or leader to which the drain is connected.

**1105.3 Roof drain flashings.** The connection between roofs and roof drains which pass through the roof and into the interior of the building shall be made water-tight by the use of *approved* flashing material.

## SECTION 1106 SIZE OF CONDUCTORS, LEADERS AND STORM DRAINS

**1106.1 General.** The size of the vertical conductors and leaders, building storm drains, building storm sewers, and any horizontal branches of such drains or sewers shall be based on the 100-year hourly rainfall rate indicated in Figure 1106.1 or on other rainfall rates determined from *approved* local weather data.

**1106.2 Vertical conductors and leaders.** Vertical conductors and leaders shall be sized for the maximum projected roof area, in accordance with Tables 1106.2(1) and 1106.2(2).

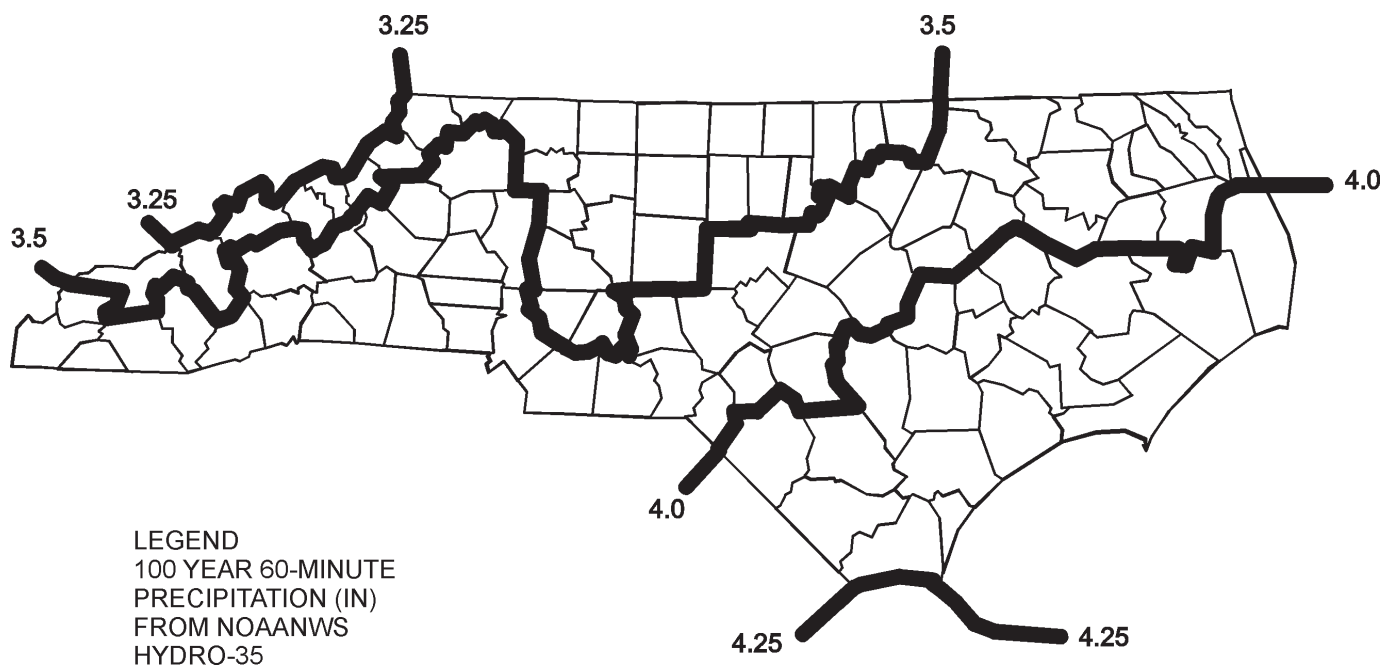
**1106.3 Building storm drains and sewers.** The size of the building *storm drain*, building *storm sewer* and their horizontal branches having a slope of one-half unit or less vertical in 12 units horizontal (4-percent slope) shall be based on the maxi-

imum projected roof area in accordance with Table 1106.3. The minimum slope of horizontal branches shall be one-eighth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (1-percent slope) unless otherwise *approved*.

**1106.4 Vertical walls.** In sizing roof drains and storm drainage piping, one-half of the area of any vertical wall that diverts rainwater to the roof shall be added to the projected roof area for inclusion in calculating the required size of vertical conductors, leaders and horizontal storm drainage piping.

**1106.5 Parapet wall scupper location.** Parapet wall roof drainage scupper and overflow scupper location shall comply with the requirements of [Figure 1106.5](#).

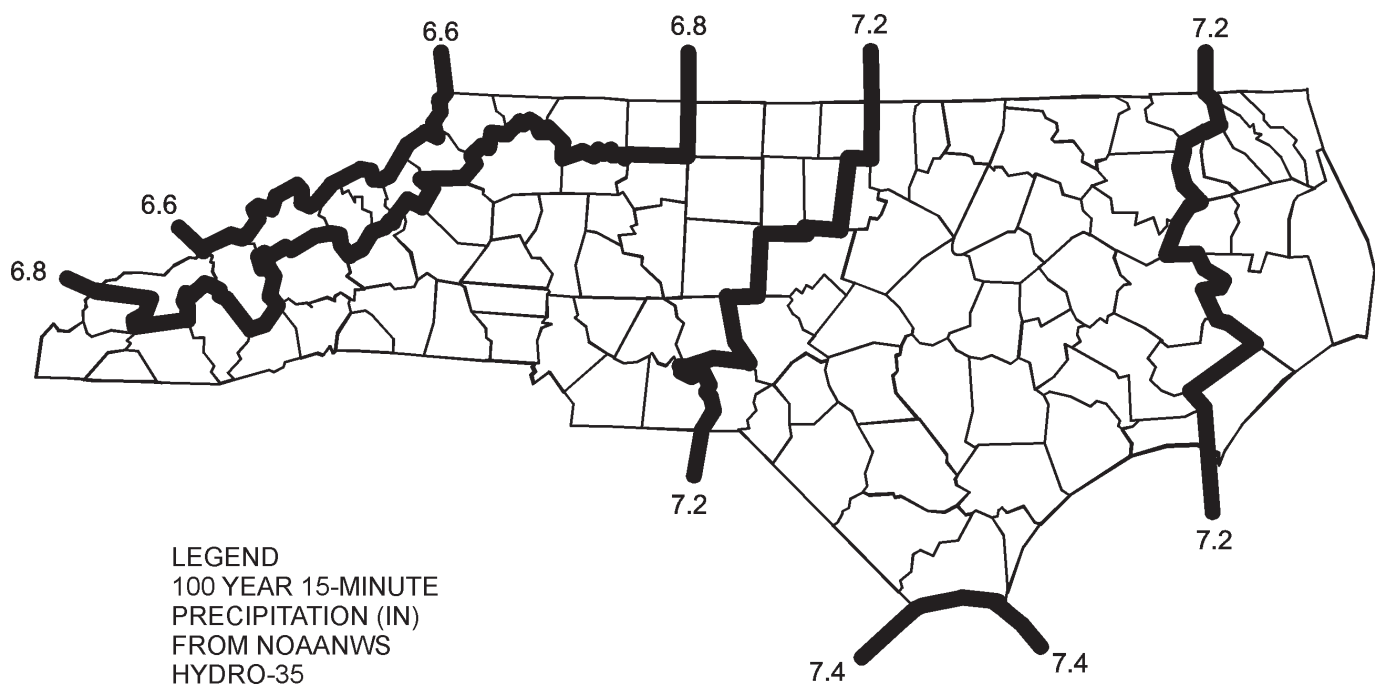
**1106.6 Size of roof gutters.** The size of semicircular gutters shall be based on the maximum projected roof area in accordance with Table 1106.6.



**FIGURE 1106.1**  
**100-YEAR, 1-HOUR RAINFALL (INCHES/HOUR) NORTH CAROLINA FOR PRIMARY ROOF DRAINS**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

Source: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington D.C.

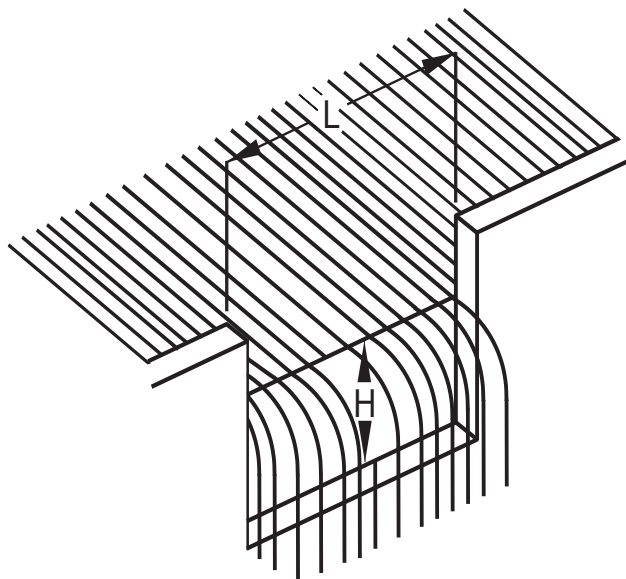


**FIGURE 1106.1(a)**  
**100-YEAR, 15-MINUTE RAINFALL (INCHES/HOUR) NORTH CAROLINA FOR SECONDARY ROOF DRAINS**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

Source: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington D.C.





Head (H) (inches)	CAPACITY OF SCUPPER (gallons per minute)									
	Length (L) of scupper (inches)									
	4	6	8	10	12	18	24	30	36	48
1	10.7	17.4	23.4	29.3	35.4	53.4	71.5	89.5	107.5	143.7
2	30.5	47.5	64.4	81.4	98.5	149.4	200.3	251.1	302.1	404.0
3	52.9	84.1	115.2	146.3	177.8	271.4	364.9	458.5	552.0	739.0
4	76.7	124.6	172.6	220.5	269.0	413.3	557.5	701.8	846.0	1135.0
6	123.3	211.4	299.5	387.5	476.5	741.1	1005.8	1270.4	1535.0	2067.5

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

Based on the Francis formula:

$$Q = 3.33 (L - 0.2H) H^{1.5}$$

where:

$Q$  = Flow rate (cubic feet per second).

$L$  = Length of scupper opening (feet).

$H$  = Head on scupper [feet (measured 6 feet back from opening)].

**FIGURE 1106.5**  
**SIZE OF SCUPPERS**

## **SECTION 1107** **SECONDARY (EMERGENCY) ROOF DRAINS**

**1107.1 Secondary drainage required.** Secondary (emergency) roof drains or scuppers shall be provided where the roof perimeter construction extends above the roof in such a manner that water will be entrapped if the primary drains allow buildup for any reason.

**1107.2 Separate systems required.** Secondary roof drain systems shall have the end point of discharge separate from the primary system. Discharge shall be above grade, in a location that would normally be observed by the building occupants or maintenance personnel.

**1107.3 Sizing of secondary drains.** Secondary (emergency) roof drain systems shall be sized in accordance with Section 1106 based on the rainfall rate indicated in Figure 1106.1(a). Scuppers shall be sized to prevent the depth of ponding water from exceeding that for which the roof was designed as determined by Section 1101.7. Scuppers shall not have an opening

dimension of less than 4 inches (102 mm). The flow through the primary system shall not be considered when sizing the secondary roof drain system.

## **SECTION 1108** **COMBINED SANITARY AND STORM SYSTEM**

**1108.1 Size of combined drains and sewers.** The size of a combination sanitary and storm drain or sewer shall be computed in accordance with the method in Section 1106.3. The fixture units shall be converted into an equivalent projected roof or paved area. Where the total fixture load on the combined drain is less than or equal to 256 fixture units, the equivalent drainage area in horizontal projection shall be taken as 4,000 square feet (372 m<sup>2</sup>). Where the total fixture load exceeds 256 fixture units, each additional fixture unit shall be considered the equivalent of 15.6 square feet (1.5 m<sup>2</sup>) of drainage area. These values are based on a rainfall rate of 1 inch (25 mm) per hour.

### SECTION 1109 VALUES FOR CONTINUOUS FLOW

**1109.1 Equivalent roof area.** Where there is a continuous or semicontinuous discharge into the building *storm drain* or building *storm sewer*, such as from a pump, ejector, air conditioning plant or similar device, each gallon per minute (L/m) of such discharge shall be computed as being equivalent to 96 square feet (9 m<sup>2</sup>) of roof area, based on a rainfall rate of 1 inch (25.4 mm) per hour.

### SECTION 1110 CONTROLLED FLOW ROOF DRAIN SYSTEMS

**1110.1 General.** The roof of a structure shall be designed for the storage of water where the storm drainage system is engineered for controlled flow. The controlled flow roof drain system shall be an engineered system in accordance with this section and the design, submittal, approval, inspection and testing requirements of Section 105.4. The controlled flow system shall be designed based on the required rainfall rate in accordance with Section 1106.1.

**1110.2 Control devices.** The control devices shall be installed so that the rate of discharge of water per minute shall not exceed the values for continuous flow as indicated in Section 1109.1.

**1110.3 Installation.** Runoff control shall be by control devices. Control devices shall be protected by strainers.

**1110.4 Minimum number of roof drains.** Not less than two roof drains shall be installed in roof areas 10,000 square feet (929 m<sup>2</sup>) or less and not less than four roof drains shall be installed in roofs over 10,000 square feet (929 m<sup>2</sup>) in area.

### SECTION 1111 SUBSOIL DRAINS

**1111.1 Subsoil drains.** Subsoil drains shall be open-jointed, horizontally split or perforated pipe conforming to one of the standards listed in Table 1102.5. Such drains shall not be less than 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter. Where the building is subject to backwater, the subsoil drain shall be protected by an accessibly located backwater valve. Subsoil drains shall discharge to a trapped area drain, sump, dry well or *approved* location above ground. The subsoil sump shall not be required to

have either a gas-tight cover or a vent. The sump and pumping system shall comply with Section 1113.1.

### SECTION 1112 BUILDING SUBDRAINS

**1112.1 Building subdrains.** Building subdrains located below the *public sewer* level shall discharge into a sump or receiving tank, the contents of which shall be automatically lifted and discharged into the drainage system as required for building sumps. The sump and pumping equipment shall comply with Section 1113.1.

### SECTION 1113 SUMPS AND PUMPING SYSTEMS

**1113.1 Pumping system.** The sump pump, pit and discharge piping shall conform to Sections 1113.1.1 through 1113.1.4.

**1113.1.1 Pump capacity and head.** The sump pump shall be of a capacity and head appropriate to anticipated use requirements.

**1113.1.2 Sump pit.** The sump pit shall not be less than 18 inches (457 mm) in diameter and 24 inches (610 mm) deep, unless otherwise *approved*. The pit shall be accessible and located such that all drainage flows into the pit by gravity. The sump pit shall be constructed of tile, steel, plastic, cast-iron, concrete or other *approved* material, with a removable cover adequate to support anticipated loads in the area of use. The pit floor shall be solid and provide permanent support for the pump.

**1113.1.3 Electrical.** Electrical service outlets, when required, shall meet the requirements of NFPA 70.

**1113.1.4 Piping.** Discharge piping shall meet the requirements of Section 1102.2, 1102.3 or 1102.4 and shall include a gate valve and a full flow check valve. Pipe and fittings shall be the same size as, or larger than, pump discharge tapping.

**Exception:** In one- and two-family dwellings, only a check valve shall be required, located on the discharge piping from the pump or ejector.

**TABLE 1106.2(1)**  
**SIZE OF CIRCULAR VERTICAL CONDUCTORS AND LEADERS**

DIAMETER OF LEADER (inches) <sup>a</sup>	HORIZONTALLY PROJECTED ROOF AREA (square feet)											
	Rainfall rate (inches per hour)											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2,880	1,440	960	720	575	480	410	360	320	290	260	240
3	8,800	4,400	2,930	2,200	1,760	1,470	1,260	1,100	980	880	800	730
4	18,400	9,200	6,130	4,600	3,680	3,070	2,630	2,300	2,045	1,840	1,675	1,530
5	34,600	17,300	11,530	8,650	6,920	5,765	4,945	4,325	3,845	3,460	3,145	2,880
6	54,000	27,000	17,995	13,500	10,800	9,000	7,715	6,750	6,000	5,400	4,910	4,500
8	116,000	58,000	38,660	29,000	23,200	19,315	16,570	14,500	12,890	11,600	10,545	9,600

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.

a. Sizes indicated are the diameter of circular piping. This table is applicable to piping of other shapes, provided the cross-sectional shape fully encloses a circle of the diameter indicated in this table. For rectangular leaders, see Table 1106.2(2). Interpolation is permitted for pipe sizes that fall between those listed in this table.

**TABLE 1106.2(2)**  
**SIZE OF RECTANGULAR VERTICAL CONDUCTORS AND LEADERS**

DIMENSIONS OF COMMON LEADER SIZES width x length (inches) <sup>a</sup>	HORIZONTALLY PROJECTED ROOF AREA (square feet)											
	Rainfall rate (inches per hour)											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> × 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3,410	1,700	1,130	850	680	560	480	420	370	340	310	280
2 × 3	5,540	2,770	1,840	1,380	1,100	920	790	690	610	550	500	460
2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> × 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	12,830	6,410	4,270	3,200	2,560	2,130	1,830	1,600	1,420	1,280	1,160	1,060
3 × 4	13,210	6,600	4,400	3,300	2,640	2,200	1,880	1,650	1,460	1,320	1,200	1,100
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> × 4	15,900	7,950	5,300	3,970	3,180	2,650	2,270	1,980	1,760	1,590	1,440	1,320
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> × 5	21,310	10,650	7,100	5,320	4,260	3,550	3,040	2,660	2,360	2,130	1,930	1,770
3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> × 4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	21,960	10,980	7,320	5,490	4,390	3,660	3,130	2,740	2,440	2,190	1,990	1,830
3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> × 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	25,520	12,760	8,500	6,380	5,100	4,250	3,640	3,190	2,830	2,550	2,320	2,120
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> × 6	27,790	13,890	9,260	6,940	5,550	4,630	3,970	3,470	3,080	2,770	2,520	2,310
4 × 6	32,980	16,490	10,990	8,240	6,590	5,490	4,710	4,120	3,660	3,290	2,990	2,740
5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> × 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	44,300	22,150	14,760	11,070	8,860	7,380	6,320	5,530	4,920	4,430	4,020	3,690
7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> × 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	100,500	50,250	33,500	25,120	20,100	16,750	14,350	12,560	11,160	10,050	9,130	8,370

a. Sizes indicated are nominal width × length of the opening for rectangular piping.

b. For shapes not included in this table, Equation 11-1 shall be used to determine the equivalent circular diameter,  $D_e$ , of rectangular piping for use in interpolation using the data from Table 1106.2(1).

$$D_e = [\text{width} \times \text{length}]^{1/2} \text{ (Equation 11-1)}$$

where:

$D_e$  = equivalent circular diameter and  $D_e$ , width and length are in inches.

**TABLE 1106.3**  
**SIZE OF HORIZONTAL STORM DRAINAGE PIPING<sup>a</sup>**

SIZE OF HORIZONTAL PIPING (inches)	HORIZONTALLY PROJECTED ROOF AREA (square feet)					
	Rainfall rate (inches per hour)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (1-percent slope)						
3	3,288	1,644	1,096	822	657	548
4	7,520	3,760	2,506	1,800	1,504	1,253
5	13,360	6,680	4,453	3,340	2,672	2,227
6	21,400	10,700	7,133	5,350	4,280	3,566
8	46,000	23,000	15,330	11,500	9,200	7,600
10	82,800	41,400	27,600	20,700	16,580	13,800
12	133,200	66,600	44,400	33,300	26,650	22,200
15	218,000	109,000	72,800	59,500	47,600	39,650
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope)						
3	4,640	2,320	1,546	1,160	928	773
4	10,600	5,300	3,533	2,650	2,120	1,766
5	18,880	9,440	6,293	4,720	3,776	3,146
6	30,200	15,100	10,066	7,550	6,040	5,033
8	65,200	32,600	21,733	16,300	13,040	10,866
10	116,800	58,400	38,950	29,200	23,350	19,450
12	188,000	94,000	62,600	47,000	37,600	31,350
15	336,000	168,000	112,000	84,000	67,250	56,000
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (4-percent slope)						
3	6,576	3,288	2,295	1,644	1,310	1,096
4	15,040	7,520	5,010	3,760	3,010	2,500
5	26,720	13,360	8,900	6,680	5,320	4,450
6	42,800	21,400	13,700	10,700	8,580	7,140
8	92,000	46,000	30,650	23,000	18,400	15,320
10	171,600	85,800	55,200	41,400	33,150	27,600
12	266,400	133,200	88,800	66,600	53,200	44,400
15	476,000	238,000	158,800	119,000	95,300	79,250

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.

a. For Tables 1106.3 and 1106.6, when rainfall rates exceed 6 inches per hour, then the figures for roof area shall be adjusted proportionally by multiplying the figure by six and dividing by the maximum rate of rainfall in inches per hour [see Figure 1106.1(a)].



**TABLE 1106.6**  
**SIZE OF SEMICIRCULAR ROOF GUTTERS<sup>a</sup>**

DIAMETER OF GUTTERS (inches)	HORIZONTALLY PROJECTED ROOF AREA (square feet)					
	Rainfall rate (inches per hour)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (0.5-percent slope)						
3	680	340	226	170	136	113
4	1,440	720	480	360	288	240
5	2,500	1,250	834	625	500	416
6	3,840	1,920	1,280	960	768	640
7	5,520	2,760	1,840	1,380	1,100	918
8	7,960	3,980	2,655	1,990	1,590	1,325
10	14,400	7,200	4,800	3,600	2,880	2,400
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> unit vertical 12 units horizontal (1-percent slope)						
3	960	480	320	240	192	160
4	2,040	1,020	681	510	408	340
5	3,520	1,760	1,172	880	704	587
6	5,440	2,720	1,815	1,360	1,085	905
7	7,800	3,900	2,600	1,950	1,560	1,300
8	11,200	5,600	3,740	2,800	2,240	1,870
10	20,400	10,200	6,800	5,100	4,080	3,400
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope)						
3	1,360	680	454	340	272	226
4	2,880	1,440	960	720	576	480
5	5,000	2,500	1,668	1,250	1,000	834
6	7,680	3,840	2,560	1,920	1,536	1,280
7	11,040	5,520	3,860	2,760	2,205	1,840
8	15,920	7,960	5,310	3,980	3,180	2,655
10	28,800	14,400	9,600	7,200	5,750	4,800
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (4-percent slope)						
3	1,920	960	640	480	384	320
4	4,080	2,040	1,360	1,020	816	680
5	7,080	3,540	2,360	1,770	1,415	1,180
6	11,080	5,540	3,695	2,770	2,220	1,850
7	15,600	7,800	5,200	3,900	3,120	2,600
8	22,400	11,200	7,460	5,600	4,480	3,730
10	40,000	20,000	13,330	10,000	8,000	6,660

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.

a. For Tables 1106.3 and 1106.6, when rainfall rates exceed 6 inches per hour, then the figures for roof area shall be adjusted proportionally by multiplying the figure by six and dividing by the maximum rate of rainfall in inches per hour [see Figure 1106.1(a)].



**CHAPTER 12**  
**SPECIAL PIPING AND STORAGE SYSTEMS**

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## CHAPTER 13

# REFERENCED STANDARDS

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 102.8.

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Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
A118.10—99	Specifications for Load Bearing, Bonded, Waterproof Membranes for Thin Set Ceramic Tile and Dimension Stone Installation . . . . .	417.4, 417.5.2.5, 475.2.6
Z4.3—95	Minimum Requirements for Nonsewered Waste-disposal Systems . . . . .	311.1
Z21.22—99 (R2003)	Relief Valves for Hot Water Supply Systems with Addenda Z21.22a-2000 (R2003) and Z21.22b-2001 (R2003) . . . . .	504.2, 504.4
Z124.1—95	Plastic Bathtub Units . . . . .	407.1
Z124.1.2—95	Plastic Bathtub and Shower Units . . . . .	Table 417.1
Z124.3—95	Plastic Lavatories . . . . .	416.1, 416.2, 417.1
Z124.4—96	Plastic Water Closet Bowls and Tanks . . . . .	420.1
Z124.6—97	Plastic Sinks . . . . .	415.1, 418.1
Z124.9—94	Plastic Urinal Fixtures . . . . .	419.1

<b>AHRI</b>		Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute 4100 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
1010—02	Self-contained, Mechanically Refrigerated Drinking-Water Coolers. . . . .	410.1

<b>ASME</b>		American Society of Mechanical Engineers Three Park Avenue New York, NY 10016-5990
Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
A112.1.2—2004	Air Gaps in Plumbing Systems . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.1
A112.1.3—2000 Reaffirmed 2005	Air Gap Fittings for Use with Plumbing Fixtures, Appliances and Appurtenances. . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.1
A112.3.1—2007	Stainless Steel Drainage Systems for Sanitary, DWV, Storm and Vacuum Applications Above and Below Ground . . . . .	412.1, Table 702.1, Table 702.2, Table 702.3, Table 702.4, 708.2, Table 1102.4, Table 1102.5, 1102.6, Table 1102.7
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A112.4.1—1993 (R2002)	Water Heater Relief Valve Drain Tubes . . . . .	504.6
A112.4.3—1999 (Reaffirmed 2004)	Plastic Fittings for Connecting Water Closets to the Sanitary Drainage System . . . . .	405.4
A112.6.1M—1997 (R2002)	Floor-affixed Supports for Off-the-floor Plumbing Fixtures for Public Use . . . . .	405.4.3
A112.6.2—2000 (Reaffirmed 2004)	Framing-affixed Supports for Off-the-floor Water Closets with Concealed Tanks . . . . .	405.4.3
A112.6.3—2001 (Reaffirmed 2007)	2001 Floor and Trench Drains . . . . .	412.1, 417.4
A112.6.7—2001 (Reaffirmed 2007)	Enameled and Epoxy-coated Cast-iron and PVC Plastic Sanitary Floor Sinks . . . . .	427.1



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A112.14.3—2000	Grease Interceptors . . . . .	1003.3.4
A112.14.4—2001 (Reaffirmed 2007)	Grease Removal Devices . . . . .	1003.3.4
A112.18.1-2005/ CSA B125.1-2005	Plumbing Supply Fittings . . . . .	424.1, 424.2, 424.3, 607.4, 608.2
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Miami, FL 33126

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
A5.8—04	Specifications for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding. . . . .	605.12.1, 605.14.1, 605.15.1, 705.4.1, 705.9.1, 705.10.1

# AWWA

American Water Works Association  
6666 West Quincy Avenue  
Denver, CO 80235

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
C104—98	Standard for Cement-mortar Lining for Ductile-iron Pipe and Fittings for Water . . . . .	605.3, 605.5
C110—/A21.10—03	Standard for Ductile-iron and Gray-iron Fittings, 3 Inches through 48 Inches, for Water . . . . .	Table 605.5, Table 702.4, Table 1102.7
C111—00	Standard for Rubber-gasket Joints for Ductile-iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings. . . . .	605.13



AWWA—continued

C115/A21.15—99	Standard for Flanged Ductile-iron Pipe with Ductile-iron or Gray-iron Threaded Flanges . . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4
C151/A21.51—02	Standard for Ductile-iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast for Water . . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4
C153—00/A21.53—00	Standard for Ductile-iron Compact Fittings for Water Service. . . . .	Table 605.5
C510—00	Double Check Valve Backflow Prevention Assembly . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.7
C511—00	Reduced-pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.2, 608.16.2
C651—99	Disinfecting Water Mains . . . . .	.610.1
C652—02	Disinfection of Water-storage Facilities . . . . .	.610.1

# CISPI

Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute  
5959 Shallowford Road, Suite 419  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
301—04a	Specification for Hubless Cast-iron Soil Pipe and Fittings for Sanitary and Storm Drain, Waste and Vent Piping Applications. . . . .	Table 702.1, Table 702.2, Table 702.3, Table 702.4, 708.7, Table 1102.4, Table 1102.5, Table 1102.7
310—04	Specification for Coupling for Use in Connection with Hubless Cast-iron Soil Pipe and Fittings for Sanitary and Storm Drain, Waste and Vent Piping Applications . . . . .	705.5.3

# CSA

Canadian Standards Association  
5060 Spectrum Way.  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4W 5N6

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
B45.1—02	Ceramic Plumbing Fixtures. . . . .	.408.1, 416.1, 418.1, 419.1, 420.1
B45.2—02	Enameled Cast-iron Plumbing Fixtures . . . . .	.407.1, 415.1, 416.1, 418.1
B45.3—02	Porcelain Enameled Steel Plumbing Fixtures . . . . .	.407.1, 416.1, 418.1
B45.4—02	Stainless-steel Plumbing Fixtures . . . . .	.415.1, 416.1, 418.1, 420.1
B45.5—02	Plastic Plumbing Fixtures . . . . .	.407.1, 416.2, 417.1, 419.1, 420.1, 421.1
B45.9—99	Macerating Systems and Related Components . . . . .	.712.4.1
B64.1.2—01	Vacuum Breakers, Pressure Type (PVB). . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.5
B64.2.1—01	Vacuum Breakers, Hose Connection Type (HCVB) with Manual Draining Feature . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.6
B64.2.1.1—01	Vacuum Breakers, Hose Connection Dual Check Type (HCDVB) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.6
B64.4.1—01	Backflow Preventers, Reduced Pressure Principle Type for Fire Sprinklers (RPF) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.2
B64.5—01	Backflow Preventers, Double Check Type (DCVA) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.7
B64.5.1—01	Backflow Preventers, Double Check Type for Fire Systems (DCVAF) . . . . .	Table 608.1 608.13.7
B64.6—01	Backflow Preventers, Dual Check Valve Type (DuC) . . . . .	.605.3.1, Table 608.1
B64.7—94	Vacuum Breakers, Laboratory Faucet Type (LFVB) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.6
B64.10/B64.10.1—01	Manual for the Selection and Installation of Backflow Prevention Devices/Manual for the Maintenance and Field Testing of Backflow Prevention Devices . . . . .	.312.10.2
B79—94(2000)	Floor, Area and Shower Drains, and Cleanouts for Residential Construction. . . . .	.412.1, <u>417.4</u>
B125—01	Plumbing Fittings . . . . .	.424.4, 424.6, 425.4
B125.1/ASME A112.18.1—05	Plumbing Supply Fittings . . . . .	.424.1, 424.2, 424.3, 607.4, 608.2
B125.2/ASME A112.18.2—05	Plumbing Waste Fittings . . . . .	.424.1.2
B125.3—2005	Plumbing Fittings . . . . .	.416.5, 424.5, 425.3.1, Table 608.1
B137.1—02	Polyethylene Pipe, Tubing and Fittings for Cold Water Pressure Services . . . . .	Table 605.3
B137.2—02	PVC Injection-moulded Gasketed Fittings for Pressure Applications. . . . .	Table 605.5, Table 1102.7
B137.3—02	Rigid Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe for Pressure Applications . . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4, Table 605.5, 605.22.2, 705.8.2, 705.14.2
B137.5—02	Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing Systems for Pressure Applications— with Revisions through September 1992. . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4, Table 605.5
B137.6—02	CPVC Pipe, Tubing and Fittings for Hot and Cold Water Distribution Systems— with Revisions through May 1986. . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4
B137.11—02	Polypropylene (PP-R) Pipe and Fittings for Pressure Applications . . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4, Table 605.5
B181.1—02	ABS Drain, Waste and Vent Pipe and Pipe Fittings . . . . .	Table 702.1, Table 702.2, Table 702.3, Table 702.4, 705.2.2, 705.7.2, 715.2, Table 1102.4, Table 1102.7
B181.2—02	PVC Drain, Waste, and Vent Pipe and Pipe Fittings— with Revisions through December 1993 . . . . .	Table 702.1 Table 702.2, 705.8.2, 705.14.2, 715.2
B182.1—02	Plastic Drain and Sewer Pipe and Pipe Fittings . . . . .	.705.8.2, 705.14.2, Table 1102.4
B182.2—02	PVC Sewer Pipe and Fittings (PSM Type) . . . . .	Table 702.3, Table 1102.4, Table 1102.5

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### CSA—continued

B182.4—02	Profile PVC Sewer Pipe and Fittings. . . . .	Table 702.3, Table 1102.4, Table 1102.5
B182.6—02	Profile Polyethylene Sewer Pipe and Fittings for Leak-proof Sewer Applications . . . . .	Table 1102.5
B182.8—02	Profile Polyethylene Storm Sewer and Drainage Pipe and Fittings . . . . .	Table 1102.5
CAN/CSA-A257.1M—92	Circular Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain, Sewer Pipe and Fittings. . . . .	Table 702.3, Table 1102.4
CAN/CSA-A257.2M—92	Reinforced Circular Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain, Sewer Pipe and Fittings . . . . .	Table 702.3, Table 1102.4
CAN/CSA-A257.3M—92	Joints for Circular Concrete Sewer and Culvert Pipe, Manhole Sections and Fittings Using Rubber Gaskets . . . . .	705.6, 705.19
CAN/CSA-B64.1.1—01	Vacuum Breakers, Atmospheric Type (AVB) . . . . .	425.2, Table 608.1, 608.13.6
CAN/CSA-B64.2—01	Vacuum Breakers, Hose Connection Type (HCVB) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.6
CAN/CSA-B64.2.2—01	Vacuum Breakers, Hose Connection Type (HCVB) with Automatic Draining Feature. . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.6
CAN/CSA-B64.3—01	Backflow Preventers, Dual Check Valve Type with Atmospheric Port (DCAP) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.3, 608.16.2
CAN/CSA-B64.4—01	Backflow Preventers, Reduced Pressure Principle Type (RP) . . . . .	Table 608.1, 608.13.2, 608.16.2
CAN/CSA-B64.10—01	Manual for the Selection, Installation, Maintenance and Field Testing of Backflow Prevention Devices . . . . .	312.10.2
CAN/CSA-B137.9—02	Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene Composite Pressure Pipe Systems . . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.5, 605.21.1
CAN/CSA-B137.10M—02	Cross-linked Polyethylene/Aluminum/Polyethylene Composite Pressure Pipe Systems. . . . .	Table 605.3, Table 605.4, Table 605.5, 605.21.1
CAN/CSA-B181.3—02	Polyolefin Laboratory Drainage Systems . . . . .	Table 702.1, Table 702.2, Table 702.4, 705.17.1
CAN/CSA-B182.4—02	Profile PVC Sewer Pipe and Fittings. . . . .	Table 702.3, Table 1102.4, Table 1102.5
CAN/CSA-B602—02	Mechanical Couplings for Drain, Waste and Vent Pipe and Sewer Pipe. . . . .	705.2.1, 705.5.3, 705.6, 705.7.1, 705.14.1, 705.15, 705.16.2, 705.19

## ICC

International Code Council, Inc.  
500 New Jersey Ave, NW  
6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
IBC—09	International Building Code® . . . . .	201.3, 305.4, 307.1, 307.2, 307.3, 308.2, 309.1, 310.1, 310.3, 403.1, Table 403.1, 404.1, 407.3, 417.6, 502.6, 606.5.2, 1106.5
IEBC—09	International Existing Building Code . . . . .	101.2
IECC—09	International Energy Conservation Code . . . . .	313.1, 607.2, 607.2.1
IFC—09	International Fire Code® . . . . .	201.3, 1201.1
IFGC—09	International Fuel Gas Code® . . . . .	101.2, 201.3, 502.1
IMC—09	International Mechanical Code® . . . . .	201.3, 307.6, 310.1, 422.9, 502.1, 612.1, 1202.1
IPSDC—09	International Private Sewage Disposal Code® . . . . .	701.2
IRC—09	International Residential Code . . . . .	101.2

## ISEA

International Safety Equipment Association  
1901 N. Moore Street, Suite 808  
Arlington, VA 22209

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
Z358.1—98	Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment. . . . .	411.1

## NFPA

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
13D—07	Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes . . . . .	614, 615
50—01	Bulk Oxygen Systems at Consumer Sites. . . . .	1203.1
51—07	Design and Installation of Oxygen-fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes . . . . .	1203.1
70—08	National Electric Code . . . . .	502.1, 504.3, 1113.1.3
99C—05	Gas and Vacuum Systems . . . . .	1202.1

# NSF

NSF International  
789 Dixboro Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
3—2007	Commercial Warewashing Equipment . . . . .	409.1
14—2007	Plastic Piping System Components and Related Materials . . . . .	303.3, 611.3
18—2007	Manual Food and Beverage Dispensing Equipment. . . . .	426.1
42—2007e	Drinking Water Treatment Units—Aesthetic Effects . . . . .	611.1, 611.3
44—2004	Residential Cation Exchange Water Softeners. . . . .	611.1, 611.3
53—2007	Drinking Water Treatment Units—Health Effects. . . . .	611.1, 611.3
58—2006	Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Treatment Systems . . . . .	611.2
61—2007a	Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects . . . . .	410.1, 424.1, 605.3, 605.4, 605.5, 605.7, 611.3, 611.3
62—2004	Drinking Water Distillation Systems . . . . .	611.1

# PDI

Plumbing and Drainage Institute  
800 Turnpike Street, Suite 300  
North Andover, MA 01845

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
G101(2003)	Testing and Rating Procedure for Grease Interceptors with Appendix of Sizing and Installation Data . . . . .	1003.3.4

# UL

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062-2096

Standard Reference Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
UL508—99	Industrial Control Equipment with Revision through July 2005 . . . . .	314.2.3
UL2034	Standard for Safety for Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms . . . . .	315.3



## APPENDIX A

# PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

*The provisions contained in this appendix are deleted.*





## APPENDIX B

# RATES OF RAINFALL FOR VARIOUS CITIES

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted as part of this code.*

Rainfall rates, in inches per hour, are based on a storm of 1-hour duration and a 100-year return period. The rainfall rates shown in the appendix are derived from Figure 1106.1.

<b>Alabama:</b>	<b>Florida:</b>	Louisville . . . . .	3.2	Springfield . . . . .	3.4
Birmingham . . . . .	Jacksonville . . . . .	Middlesboro . . . . .	3.2	St. Louis . . . . .	3.2
Huntsville . . . . .	Key West . . . . .	Paducah . . . . .	3.3		
Mobile . . . . .	Miami . . . . .			<b>Montana:</b>	
Montgomery . . . . .	Pensacola . . . . .	<b>Louisiana:</b>		Ekalaka . . . . .	2.5
	Tampa . . . . .	Alexandria . . . . .	4.2	Havre . . . . .	1.6
<b>Alaska:</b>		Lake Providence . . . . .	4.0	Helena . . . . .	1.5
Fairbanks . . . . .	<b>Georgia:</b>	New Orleans . . . . .	4.8	Kalispell . . . . .	1.2
Juneau . . . . .	Atlanta . . . . .	Shreveport . . . . .	3.9	Missoula . . . . .	1.3
	Dalton . . . . .				
<b>Arizona:</b>	Macon . . . . .	<b>Maine:</b>		<b>Nebraska:</b>	
Flagstaff . . . . .	Savannah . . . . .	Bangor . . . . .	2.2	North Platte . . . . .	3.3
Nogales . . . . .	Thomasville . . . . .	Houlton . . . . .	2.1	Omaha . . . . .	3.8
Phoenix . . . . .		Portland . . . . .	2.4	Scottsbluff . . . . .	3.1
Yuma . . . . .	<b>Hawaii:</b>			Valentine . . . . .	3.2
	Hilo . . . . .	<b>Maryland:</b>			
<b>Arkansas:</b>	Honolulu . . . . .	Baltimore . . . . .	3.2	<b>Nevada:</b>	
Fort Smith . . . . .	Wailuku . . . . .	Hagerstown . . . . .	2.8	Elko . . . . .	1.0
Little Rock . . . . .		Oakland . . . . .	2.7	Ely . . . . .	1.1
Texarkana . . . . .	<b>Idaho:</b>	Salisbury . . . . .	3.1	Las Vegas . . . . .	1.4
	Boise . . . . .	<b>Massachusetts:</b>		Reno . . . . .	1.1
<b>California:</b>	Lewiston . . . . .	Boston . . . . .	2.5		
Barstow . . . . .	Pocatello . . . . .	Pittsfield . . . . .	2.8	<b>New Hampshire:</b>	
Crescent City . . . . .		Worcester . . . . .	2.7	Berlin . . . . .	2.5
Fresno . . . . .	<b>Illinois:</b>			Concord . . . . .	2.5
Los Angeles . . . . .	Cairo . . . . .	<b>Michigan:</b>		Keene . . . . .	2.4
Needles . . . . .	Chicago . . . . .	Alpena . . . . .	2.5	<b>New Jersey:</b>	
Placerville . . . . .	Peoria . . . . .	Detroit . . . . .	2.7	Atlantic City . . . . .	2.9
San Fernando . . . . .	Rockford . . . . .	Grand Rapids . . . . .	2.6	Newark . . . . .	3.1
San Francisco . . . . .	Springfield . . . . .	Lansing . . . . .	2.8	Trenton . . . . .	3.1
Yreka . . . . .		Marquette . . . . .	2.4		
<b>Colorado:</b>	<b>Indiana:</b>	Sault Ste. Marie . . . . .	2.2	<b>New Mexico:</b>	
Craig . . . . .	Evansville . . . . .			Albuquerque . . . . .	2.0
Denver . . . . .	Fort Wayne . . . . .	<b>Minnesota:</b>		Hobbs . . . . .	3.0
Durango . . . . .	Indianapolis . . . . .	Duluth . . . . .	2.8	Raton . . . . .	2.5
Grand Junction . . . . .		Grand Marais . . . . .	2.3	Roswell . . . . .	2.6
Lamar . . . . .	<b>Iowa:</b>	Minneapolis . . . . .	3.1	Silver City . . . . .	1.9
Pueblo . . . . .	Davenport . . . . .	Moorhead . . . . .	3.2		
	Des Moines . . . . .	Worthington . . . . .	3.5	<b>New York:</b>	
<b>Connecticut:</b>	Dubuque . . . . .			Albany . . . . .	2.5
Hartford . . . . .	Sioux City . . . . .	<b>Mississippi:</b>		Binghamton . . . . .	2.3
New Haven . . . . .		Biloxi . . . . .	4.7	Buffalo . . . . .	2.3
Putnam . . . . .	<b>Kansas:</b>	Columbus . . . . .	3.9	Kingston . . . . .	2.7
	Atwood . . . . .	Corinth . . . . .	3.6	New York . . . . .	3.0
<b>Delaware:</b>	Dodge City . . . . .	Natchez . . . . .	4.4	Rochester . . . . .	2.2
Georgetown . . . . .	Topeka . . . . .	Vicksburg . . . . .	4.1		
Wilmington . . . . .	Wichita . . . . .			<b>North Carolina:</b>	
		<b>Missouri:</b>		Asheville . . . . .	4.1
<b>District of Columbia:</b>	<b>Kentucky:</b>	Columbia . . . . .	3.2	Charlotte . . . . .	3.7
Washington . . . . .	Ashland . . . . .	Kansas City . . . . .	3.6	Greensboro . . . . .	3.4
	Lexington . . . . .				

## APPENDIX B

Wilmington . . . . .	4.2	Dallas . . . . .	4.0
<b>North Dakota:</b>		Del Rio . . . . .	4.0
Bismarck . . . . .	2.8	El Paso . . . . .	2.3
Devils Lake . . . . .	2.9	Houston . . . . .	4.6
Fargo . . . . .	3.1	Lubbock . . . . .	3.3
Williston . . . . .	2.6	Odessa . . . . .	3.2
<b>Ohio:</b>		Pecos . . . . .	3.0
Cincinnati . . . . .	2.9	San Antonio . . . . .	4.2
Cleveland . . . . .	2.6	<b>Utah:</b>	
Columbus . . . . .	2.8	Brigham City . . . . .	1.2
Toledo . . . . .	2.8	Roosevelt . . . . .	1.3
<b>Oklahoma:</b>		Salt Lake City . . . . .	1.3
Altus . . . . .	3.7	St. George . . . . .	1.7
Boise City . . . . .	3.3	<b>Vermont:</b>	
Durant . . . . .	3.8	Barre . . . . .	2.3
Oklahoma City . . . . .	3.8	Brattleboro . . . . .	2.7
<b>Oregon:</b>		Burlington . . . . .	2.1
Baker . . . . .	0.9	Rutland . . . . .	2.5
Coos Bay . . . . .	1.5	<b>Virginia:</b>	
Eugene . . . . .	1.3	Bristol . . . . .	2.7
Portland . . . . .	1.2	Charlottesville . . . . .	2.8
<b>Pennsylvania:</b>		Lynchburg . . . . .	3.2
Erie . . . . .	2.6	Norfolk . . . . .	3.4
Harrisburg . . . . .	2.8	Richmond . . . . .	3.3
Philadelphia . . . . .	3.1	<b>Washington:</b>	
Pittsburgh . . . . .	2.6	Omak . . . . .	1.1
Scranton . . . . .	2.7	Port Angeles . . . . .	1.1
<b>Rhode Island:</b>		Seattle . . . . .	1.4
Block Island . . . . .	2.75	Spokane . . . . .	1.0
Providence . . . . .	2.6	Yakima . . . . .	1.1
<b>South Carolina:</b>		<b>West Virginia:</b>	
Charleston . . . . .	4.3	Charleston . . . . .	2.8
Columbia . . . . .	4.0	Morgantown . . . . .	2.7
Greenville . . . . .	4.1	<b>Wisconsin:</b>	
<b>South Dakota:</b>		Ashland . . . . .	2.5
Buffalo . . . . .	2.8	Eau Claire . . . . .	2.9
Huron . . . . .	3.3	Green Bay . . . . .	2.6
Pierre . . . . .	3.1	La Crosse . . . . .	3.1
Rapid City . . . . .	2.9	Madison . . . . .	3.0
Yankton . . . . .	3.6	Milwaukee . . . . .	3.0
<b>Tennessee:</b>		<b>Wyoming:</b>	
Chattanooga . . . . .	3.5	Cheyenne . . . . .	2.2
Knoxville . . . . .	3.2	Fort Bridger . . . . .	1.3
Memphis . . . . .	3.7	Lander . . . . .	1.5
Nashville . . . . .	3.3	New Castle . . . . .	2.5
<b>Texas:</b>		Sheridan . . . . .	1.7
Abilene . . . . .	3.6	Yellowstone Park . . . . .	1.4
Amarillo . . . . .	3.5		
Brownsville . . . . .	4.5		

## APPENDIX C

# GRAY WATER RECYCLING SYSTEMS

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted as part of this code.*

**Note:** Section 301.3 of this code requires all plumbing fixtures that receive water or waste to discharge to the sanitary drainage system of the structure. In order to allow for the utilization of a gray water system, Section 301.3 should be revised to read as follows:

**301.3 Connections to drainage system.** All plumbing fixtures, drains, appurtenances and appliances used to receive or discharge liquid wastes or sewage shall be directly connected to the sanitary drainage system of the building or premises, in accordance with the requirements of this code. This section shall not be construed to prevent indirect waste systems required by Chapter 8.

**Exception:** Bathtubs, showers, lavatories, clothes washers and laundry trays shall not be required to discharge to the sanitary drainage system where such fixtures discharge to an *approved* gray water system for flushing of water closets and urinals or for subsurface landscape irrigation.

### SECTION C101 GENERAL

**C101.1 Scope.** The provisions of this appendix shall govern the materials, design, construction and installation of gray water systems for flushing of water closets and urinals and for subsurface landscape irrigation (see Figures 1 and 2).

**C101.2 Definition.** The following term shall have the meaning shown herein.

**GRAY WATER.** Waste discharged from lavatories, bathtubs, showers, clothes washers and laundry trays.

**RAIN WATER.** Water collected from roof areas and other approved areas.

**C101.3 Permits.** Permits shall be required in accordance with Section 106.

**C101.4 Installation.** In addition to the provisions of Section C101, systems for flushing of water closets and urinals shall comply with Section C102 and systems for subsurface landscape irrigation shall comply with Section C103. Except as provided for in Appendix C, all systems shall comply with the provisions of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C101.5 Materials.** Above-ground drain, waste and vent piping for gray water systems shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.1. Gray water underground building drainage and vent pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.2.

**C101.6 Tests.** Drain, waste and vent piping for gray water systems shall be tested in accordance with Section 312.

**C101.7 Inspections.** Gray water systems shall be inspected in accordance with Section 107.

**C101.8 Potable water connections.** Only connections in accordance with Section C102.3 shall be made between a gray water recycling system and a potable water system.

**C101.9 Waste water connections.** Gray water recycling systems shall receive only the waste discharge of bathtubs, showers, lavatories, clothes washers or laundry trays.

**C101.10 Collection reservoir.** Gray water shall be collected in an *approved* reservoir constructed of durable, nonabsorbent and corrosion-resistant materials. The reservoir shall be a closed and gas-tight vessel. Access openings shall be provided to allow inspection and cleaning of the reservoir interior.

**Exception:** Does not need to be closed and gas tight for rainwater.

**C101.11 Filtration.** Gray water entering the reservoir shall pass through an *approved* filter such as a media, sand or diatomaceous earth filter.

**Exception:** Filters may be placed on discharge from the reservoir.

**C101.11.1 Required valve.** A full-open valve shall be installed downstream of the last fixture connection to the gray water discharge pipe before entering the required filter.

**C101.12 Overflow.** The collection reservoir shall be equipped with an overflow pipe having the same or larger diameter as the influent pipe for the gray water. The overflow pipe shall be trapped and shall be indirectly connected to the sanitary drainage system.

**C101.13 Drain.** A drain shall be located at the lowest point of the collection reservoir and shall be indirectly connected to the sanitary drainage system. The drain shall be the same diameter as the overflow pipe required in Section C101.12.

**C101.14 Vent required.** The reservoir shall be provided with a vent sized in accordance with Chapter 9 and based on the diameter of the reservoir influent pipe.

### SECTION C102 SYSTEMS FOR FLUSHING WATER CLOSETS AND URINALS

**C102.1 Collection reservoir.** The holding capacity of the reservoir shall be a minimum of twice the volume of water required to meet the daily flushing requirements of the fixtures supplied with gray water, but not less than 50 gallons (189 L).

**C102.2 Disinfection.** Gray water shall be disinfected by an *approved* method that employs one or more disinfectants such as chlorine, iodine or ozone that are recommended for use with the pipes, fittings and equipment by the manufacturer of the pipes, fittings and equipment.

**C102.3 Makeup water.** Potable water shall be supplied as a source of makeup water for the gray water system. The potable water supply shall be protected against backflow in accordance

with Section 608. There shall be a full-open valve located on the makeup water supply line to the collection reservoir.

**C102.4 Coloring.** The gray water shall be dyed blue or green with a food grade vegetable dye before such water is supplied to the fixtures.

**C102.5 Materials.** Distribution piping shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 605.3.

**C102.6 Identification.** Distribution piping and reservoirs shall be identified as containing nonpotable water. Piping identification shall be in accordance with Section 608.8.

### SECTION C103 SUBSURFACE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

*Note: Not applicable for rain water systems.*

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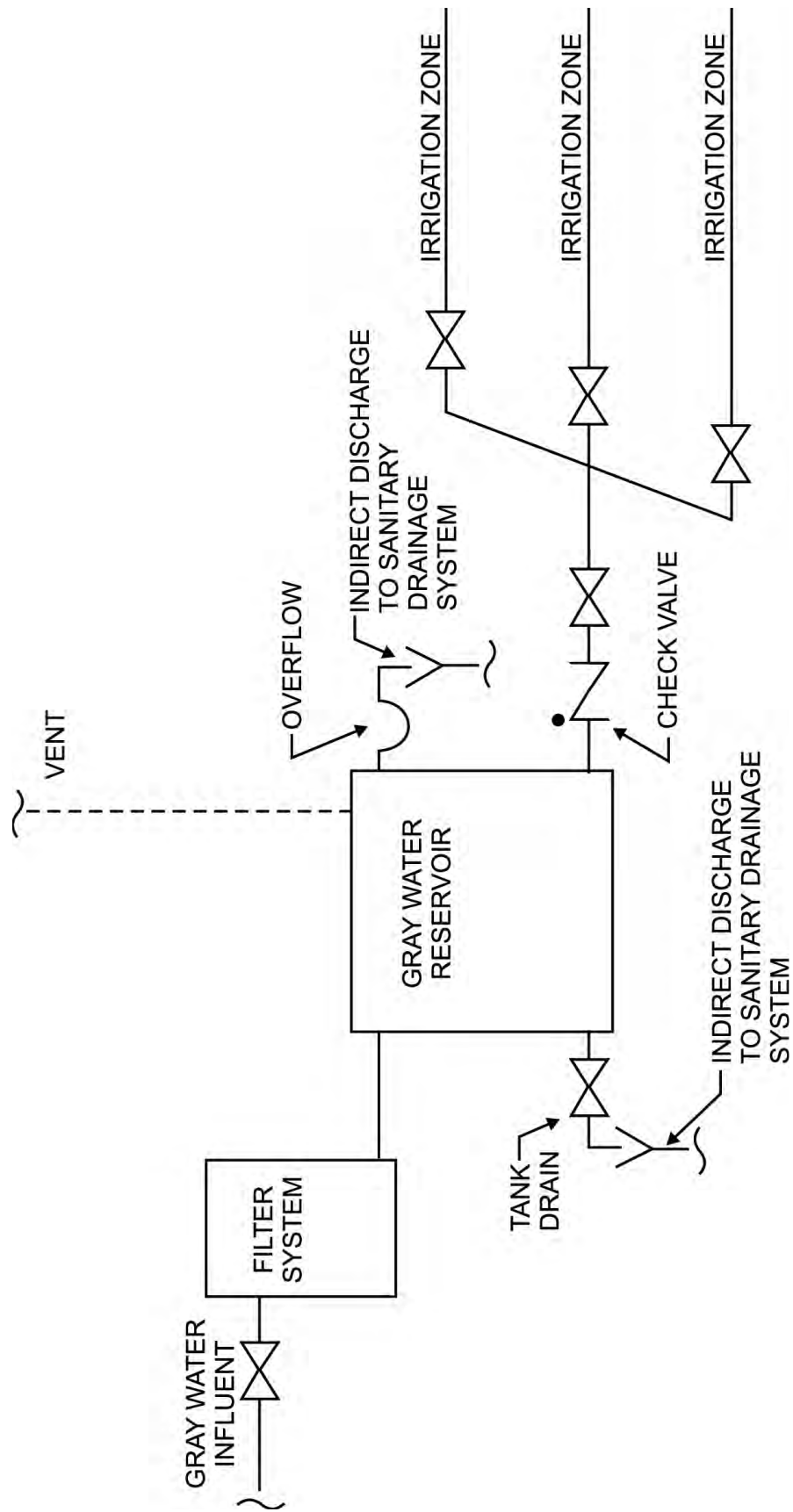


FIGURE 1  
GRAY WATER RECYCLING SYSTEM FOR SUBSURFACE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

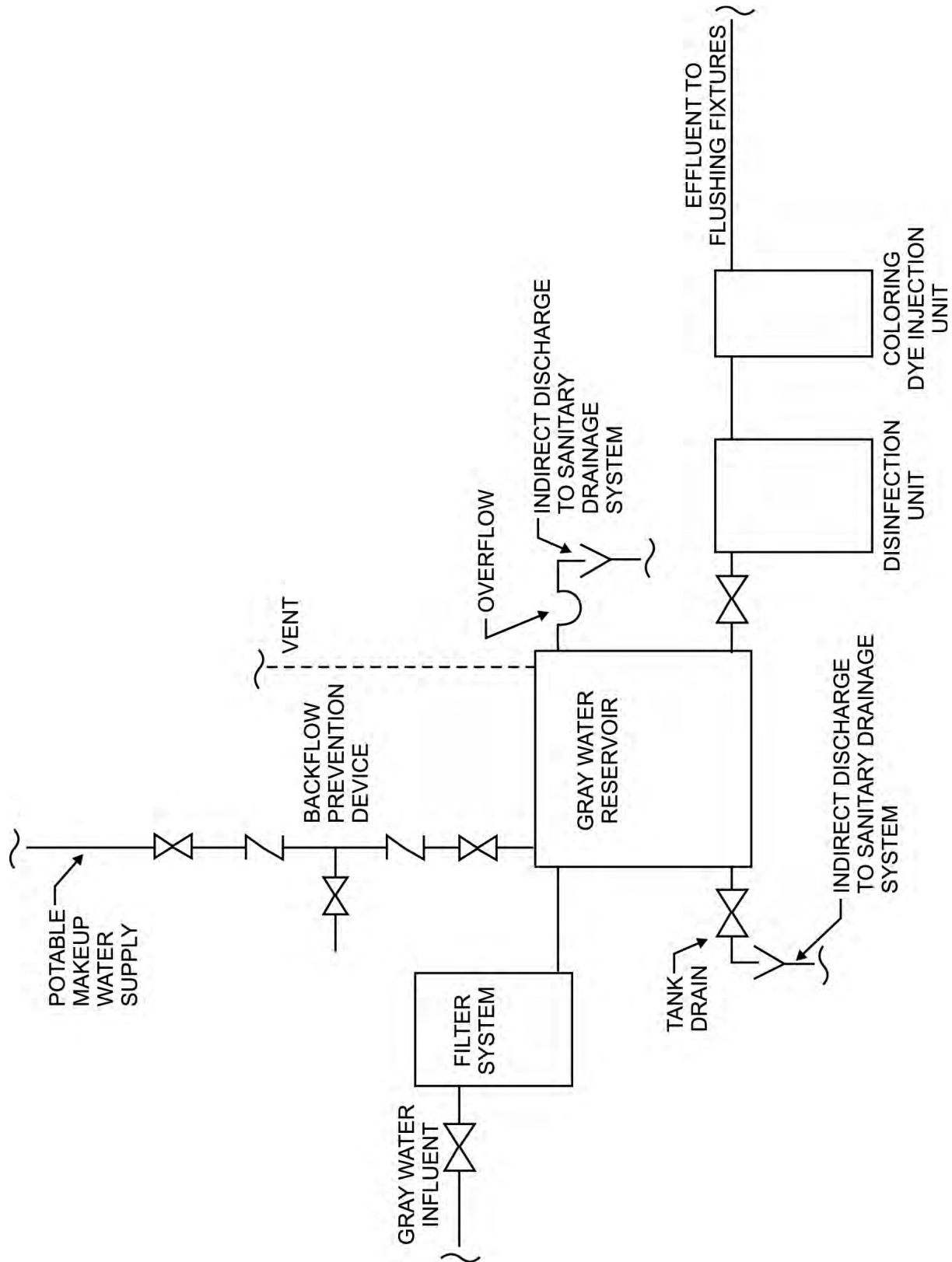


FIGURE 2  
GRAY WATER RECYCLING SYSTEM FOR FLUSHING WATER CLOSETS AND URINALS

## APPENDIX C1

# RAINWATER COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

*The provisions contained in this appendix are reproduced from the International Green Construction Code, Section 707 and are adopted as part of this code.*

**C1-101.1 Scope.** The provisions of this section shall govern the construction, installation, *alteration*, and *repair* of *rainwater collection and conveyance systems*.

**C1-101.2 Permits.** Deleted.

**C1-101.3 Potable water connections.** Where a potable system is connected to a *rainwater collection and conveyance system*, the *potable* water supply shall be protected against backflow in accordance with Section 608 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.4 Non-Potable water connections.** Where *non-potable* water from two or more different sources is combined in a single system, the system shall comply with the most stringent of the requirements of this code that are applicable to such sources.

**C1-101.5 Installation.** Except as provided for in this section, all systems shall be installed in compliance with the provisions of the *International Plumbing Code* and manufacturer's instructions.

**C1-101.6 Applications.** Untreated *rainwater* shall be utilized in accordance with Section C1-101.6.1. Treated *rainwater* shall be utilized in accordance with Section C1-101.6.2.

### **C1-101.6.1 Examples of acceptable uses without treatment.**

1. Outdoor irrigation
2. Decorative fountains
3. Yard hydrants
4. Industrial processes (e.g., dust control, indoor hose, bibs spray)
5. Vehicle washing
6. Outdoor hose bibs (not routed through building wall)

### **C1-101.6.2 Examples of acceptable uses with disinfection and filtration.**

1. Toilet flushing
2. Urinal flushing
3. Evaporative cooling tower make-up
4. Trap primers
5. Fire suppression systems
6. Clothes washers
7. Outdoor pools and spas
8. Hose bibs – Residential

**C1-101.7 Approved components and materials.** Piping, plumbing components, and materials used in the collection and

conveyance systems shall be manufactured of material *approved* for the intended application and compatible with any disinfection and treatment systems used and shall be in compliance with the provisions of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.8 Insect and vermin control.** Inlets and vents to the system shall be protected to prevent the entrance of insects and vermin into *storage tanks* and piping systems. Screens installed on vent pipes, inlets, and overflow pipes shall have an aperture of not greater than  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch and shall be close-fitting or other approved methods. Screen materials shall be compatible with contacting system components and shall not accelerate corrosion of system components.

**C1-101.9 Drainage.** Water drained from first flush diverters or debris excluders shall not be drained to the sanitary sewer. Such water shall be diverted from the *storage tank* and discharged in a location that will not cause erosion or damage to property. *Roof washers* and debris excluders shall be provided with an automatic means of self draining between rain events, and shall not drain onto roof surfaces.

**C1-101.10 Freeze protection.** Where sustained freezing temperatures occur, provisions shall be made to keep *storage tanks* and the related piping from freezing.

**C1-101.11 Trenching requirements.** All water service piping, including piping containing *rainwater*, shall be separated from the *building sewer* by 5 feet (1524 mm) of undisturbed or compacted earth. Water service pipes, *potable* and *non-potable*, shall not be located in, under or above cesspools, septic tanks, septic tank drainage fields or seepage pits. Buried *rainwater* collection and *distribution piping* shall comply with the requirements of Section 306 of the *International Plumbing Code* for support, trenching, bedding, backfilling, and tunneling.

### **Exceptions:**

1. The required separation distance shall not apply where the bottom of the water service pipe within 5 feet (1524 mm) of the sewer is a minimum of 12 inches (305 mm) above the top of the highest point of the sewer and the pipe materials shall comply with the *International Plumbing Code* for such applications.
2. Water service pipe is permitted to be located in the same trench with a *building sewer*, provided such sewer is constructed of materials that comply with the *International Plumbing Code* for such installations.
3. The required separation distance shall not apply where a *potable* or *non-potable* water service pipe crosses a sewer pipe provided the water service pipe is sleeved to at least 5 feet (1524 mm) horizontally from

the sewer pipe centerline on both sides of such crossing with pipe materials that comply with the *International Plumbing Code* for such applications.

4. Deleted.

**C1-101.12 Rainwater catchment and collection systems.**

The design of *rainwater collection* and *conveyance systems* shall conform to accepted engineering practice.

**707.12.1 Collection surface.** *Rainwater* shall be collected only from above-ground impervious roofing surfaces. Collection of water from other surfaces shall be prohibited except where the water is used exclusively for acceptable uses without treatment listed in Section C1-101.6.1, or where additional appropriate treatment is designed by a registered design professional.

**707.12.1.1 Potable water applications.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.2 Debris excluders.** Downspouts and leaders shall be equipped with a debris excluder or equivalent device to prevent the contamination of collected *rainwater* with leaves, sticks, pine needles and other undesirable material.

**C1-101.12.3 Roof gutters and downspouts.** Gutters and downspouts shall be constructed of materials compatible in accordance with Chapter 11 of the International Plumbing Code. Joints shall be sealed against leakage.

**C1-101.12.3.1 Slope.** Roof gutters, leaders, and *rainwater* collection piping shall slope continuously toward collection inlets and shall be free of leaks. Gutters and downspouts shall have a slope of not less than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch per foot along their entire length, and shall not permit the collection or pooling of water at any point.

**Exception.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.3.2 Size.** Gutters and downspouts shall be installed and sized in accordance with Section 1106.6 of the *International Plumbing Code* and local rainfall rates.

**C1-101.12.3.3 Cleanouts.** Cleanouts shall be provided in the water conveyance system so as to allow access to all filters, flushes, pipes and downspouts.

**C1-101.12.4 Collection pipe materials.** In *buildings* where *rainwater collection* and *conveyance systems* are installed, drainage piping approved for use within plumbing drainage systems shall be utilized to collect *rainwater* and convey it to the *storage tank*. Vent piping approved for use within plumbing venting systems shall be utilized for all vents within the *rainwater system*. Drains to a storm water discharge shall use approved waste piping.

**C1-101.12.4.1 Joints.** Collection piping conveying *rainwater* shall utilize joints approved for use with the *distribution piping* and appropriate for the intended applications as specified in the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.12.4.2 Size.** Collection piping conveying *rainwater* from collection surfaces shall be sized in accordance with local Chapter 11 of the *International Plumbing Code* and local rainfall rates.

**C1-101.12.4.3 Labeling and marking.** Additional marking of *rainwater* collection piping shall not be required beyond that required for sanitary drainage, waste, and vent piping by the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.12.5 Filtration.** Collected *rainwater* shall be filtered to the level required for the intended end use. Filters shall be accessible for inspection and maintenance.

**C1-101.12.6 Disinfection.** Where the intended application and initial quality of the collected *rainwater* requires disinfection or other treatment or both, as determined by a registered design professional, the collected *rainwater* shall be treated as needed to ensure that the required water quality is delivered at the point of use.

**C1-101.12.7 Storage tank.** The design of the *storage tank* shall be in accordance with Sections C1-101.12.7.1 through C1-101.12.7.11.

**C1-101.12.7.1 Location.** *Storage tanks* shall be permitted to be installed either above or below grade. Above grade *storage tanks* shall be constructed using opaque, UV-resistant materials to prevent algae growth. *Storage tanks* and their manholes shall not be located directly under any soil or waste piping or any source of contamination. *Rainwater storage tanks* shall be located with a minimum horizontal distance between various elements as indicated in Table C1-101.12.7.1.

**TABLE C1-101.12.7.1  
LOCATION OF RAINWATER STORAGE TANKS**

ELEMENT	MINIMUM HORIZONTAL DISTANCE FROM STORAGE TANK (feet)
Lot line adjoining private lots	5
Seepage pits	5
Septic tanks	5

**C1-101.12.7.2 Materials.** Where water is collected onsite, it shall be collected in an approved tank constructed of durable, nonabsorbent and corrosion-resistant materials. *Storage tanks* shall be constructed of materials compatible with the type of disinfection system used to treat water upstream of the tank and used to maintain water quality within the tank.

**C1-101.12.7.2.1 Wooden tanks.** Wooden *storage tanks* shall be provided with a flexible tank liner.

**C1-101.12.7.3 Foundation and supports.** *Storage tanks* shall be supported on a firm base capable of withstanding the storage tank's weight when filled to capacity. Where earthquake loads are applicable, above-ground collection tank supports shall be designed and installed for the seismic forces in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**C1-101.12.7.3.1 Ballast.** Where the soil can become saturated, an underground *storage tank* shall be ballasted, or otherwise secured, to prevent the tank from floating out of the ground when empty. The combined weight of the tank and hold down ballast shall meet or exceed the buoyancy force of the tank. Where the installation requires a foundation, the foundation



shall be flat and shall be designed to support the *storage tank* weight when full, consistent with bearing capability of adjacent soil.

**C1-101.12.7.3.2 Structural support.** When installed below grade, *storage tank* installations shall be designed to withstand earth and surface structural loads without damage and with minimal deformation when filled with water or empty.

**C1-101.12.7.4 Makeup water.** Where an uninterrupted supply is required for the intended application, *potable* or municipally supplied reclaimed or recycled water shall be provided as a source of makeup water for the *storage tank*. The *potable* or reclaimed or recycled water supply shall be protected against backflow by means of an air gap not less than 4 inches (102 mm) above the overflow or an *approved* backflow device in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*. There shall be a full-open valve located on the makeup water supply line.

**C1-101.12.7.5 Overflow.** The *storage tank* shall be equipped with an overflow pipe having the same or larger area as the sum of the areas of all tank inlet pipes. The overflow pipe shall be protected from insects and vermin and shall be discharged in a manner consistent with storm water runoff requirements of the *jurisdiction* and at a sufficient distance from the tank to avoid damaging the tank-foundation. The overflow drain shall not be equipped with a shutoff valve.

**C1-101.12.7.6 Access.** A minimum of one access opening shall be provided to allow inspection and cleaning of the tank interior. All access openings to *storage tanks* and other vessels shall have an *approved* locking device or shall otherwise be protected from unauthorized access. Below grade *storage tanks*, located outside of the *building*, shall be provided with either an access extending above grade, a manhole not less than 24 inches (610 mm) square or a manhole with an inside diameter of not less than 24 inches (610 mm). Finish grade shall be sloped away from the manhole to divert surface water from the manhole.

**Exception:** *Storage tanks* having a volume of less than 800 gallons and installed below grade shall not be required to be equipped with a manhole where provided with a service port that is not less than 8 inches (203 mm) in diameter.

**C1-101.12.7.7 Venting.** Tanks shall be provided with a vent sized in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code* and based on the diameter of the tank influent pipe. Tank vents shall not be connected to sanitary drainage system vents.

**C1-101.12.7.8 Inlets.** *Storage tank* inlets shall be designed to introduce water into the tank so as to avoid agitating the contents.

**C1-101.12.7.9 Outlets.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.7.10 Drain.** A maintenance outlet shall be located at the lowest point of aboveground storage tanks for maintenance purposes and shall discharge in a man-

ner consistent with the storm water runoff requirements of the *jurisdiction* and at a sufficient distance from the tank to avoid damaging the tank foundation.

**C1-101.12.7.11 Labeling and signage.** *Storage tanks* shall bear signage that reads as follows: “CAUTION: NON-POTABLE WATER – DO NOT DRINK.” Where an opening is provided that could allow the entry of personnel, the opening shall bear signage that reads as follows: “DANGER – CONFINED SPACE.” Markings shall be indelibly printed on a tag or sign constructed of corrosion-resistant waterproof material mounted on the tank or shall be indelibly printed on the tank. The letters of words shall be not less than 0.5 inches in height and shall be of a color that contrasts with the background on which they are applied.

**C1-101.12.8 Valves.** Valves shall be supplied in accordance with Sections C1-101.12.8.1 and C1-101.12.8.2.

**C1-101.12.8.1 Influent diversion.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.8.2 Backwater valve.** A backwater valve shall be installed on each overflow that is directly connected to a storm sewer.

**C1-101.12.9 Roof washer.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.10 Vent piping.** *Storage tanks* shall be provided with a vent in accordance with the requirements of Section C1-101.12.7.7. Vents shall be sized in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*, based on the aggregate diameter of *storage tank* influent pipe(s). Vents shall be protected from contamination by means of a U-bend installed with the opening directed downward or an *approved* cap. Vent outlets shall extend a minimum of 4” above grade, or as necessary to prevent surface water from entering the *storage tank*. Vent openings shall be protected against the entrance of vermin and insects in accordance with the requirements of Section C1-101.8.

**C1-101.12.11 Pumping and control system.** Mechanical equipment including pumps, valves and filters shall be easily accessible and removable in order to perform repair, maintenance and cleaning. Pressurized water shall be supplied at a pressure appropriate for the application.

**C1-101.12.11.1 Standby power.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.11.2 Inlet control valve alarm.** Deleted.

**C1-101.12.11.3 Water-pressure reducing valve or regulator.** Where the *rainwater* pressure supplied by the pumping system exceeds 80 psi (552 kPa) static, a pressure-reducing valve shall be installed to reduce the pressure in the *rainwater* distribution system piping to 80 psi (552 kPa) static or less. Pressure-reducing valves shall be specified and installed in accordance with Section 604.8 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.12.12 Distribution pipe.** *Distribution piping* shall comply with Sections C1-101.12.12.1 through C1-101.12.12.4.

**C1-101.12.12.1 Materials.** *Distribution piping* conveying *rainwater* shall conform to the standards and require-



ments specified by the *International Plumbing Code* for *non-potable* or *potable* water, as applicable.

**C1-101.12.12.2 Joints.** *Distribution piping* conveying *rainwater* shall utilize joints *approved* for use with the distribution piping and appropriate for the intended applications as specified in the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.12.12.3 Size.** *Distribution piping* conveying *rainwater* shall be sized in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code* for the intended application.

**C1-101.12.12.4 Labeling and marking.** *Non-potable rainwater distribution piping* shall be of the color purple and shall be embossed or integrally stamped or marked with the words: “CAUTION: NONPOTABLE WATER – DO NOT DRINK” or shall be installed with a purple identification tape or wrap. Identification tape shall be at least 3 inches wide and have white or black lettering on purple field stating “CAUTION: NON-POTABLE WATER – DO NOT DRINK”. Identification tape shall be installed on top of *non-potable rainwater distribution pipes*, fastened at least every 10 feet to each pipe length and run continuously the entire length of the pipe. Lettering shall be readily observable within the room or space where the piping is located.

**Exception:** Deleted.

**C1-101.13 Tests and inspections.** Tests and inspection of components installed within a building shall be performed in accordance with Sections C1-101.13.1 through C1-101.13.10.

**C1-101.13.1 Drainage and vent tests.** The testing of *rainwater* collection piping, overflow piping, vent piping and *storage tank* drains shall be conducted in accordance with Section 312 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.13.2 Drainage and vent final test.** A final test shall be applied to the *rainwater* collection piping, overflow piping, *storage tank*, and tank vent piping in accordance with Section 312.4 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.13.3 Water supply system test.** The testing of makeup water supply piping and *rainwater distribution piping* shall be conducted in accordance with Section 312.5 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.13.4 Inspection and testing of backflow prevention assemblies.** The testing of backflow preventers and *backwater valves* shall be conducted in accordance with Section 312.10 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.13.5 Inspection vermin and insect protection.** All inlets and vents to the system shall be inspected to ensure that each is protected to prevent the entrance of insects or vermin into *storage tank* and piping systems in accordance with Section C1-101.8.

**C1-101.13.6 Roof gutter inspection and test.** Deleted.

**C1-101.13.7 Roofwasher test.** Deleted.

**C1-101.13.8 Storage tank tests.** *Storage tanks* shall be tested with either air or water in accordance with the following:

1. *Storage tanks* shall be filled with water to the overflow line prior to and during inspection. All seams and joints shall be left exposed and the tank shall remain water tight without leakage for a period of 24 hours.
2. After 24 hours, supplemental water shall be introduced for a period of 15 minutes to verify proper drainage of the overflow system and verify that there are no leaks.
3. Following a successful test of the overflow, the water level in the tank shall be reduced to a level that is at 2 inches below the makeup water trigger point by using the tank drain. The tank drain shall be observed for proper operation. The makeup water system shall be observed for proper operation, and successful automatic shutoff of the system at the refill threshold shall be verified. Water shall not be drained from the overflow at any time during the refill test.
4. If air testing, system shall be pressurized with air equivalent to the depth of the tank in accordance with Section 312.5 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

**C1-101.13.9 Supply pressure test.** The static water pressure at the point of use furthest from the supply shall be verified to be within the range required for the application, in accordance with Section C1-101.12.11.

**C1-101.13.10 Water quality test.** Deleted.

**C1-101.14 Operation and maintenance manuals.** Operations and maintenance materials shall be supplied in accordance with C1-101.14.1 through C1-101.14.4.

**C1-101.14.1 Manual.** A detailed operations and maintenance manual shall be supplied with all *rainwater* collection systems.

**C1-101.14.2 Schematics.** The manual shall include a detailed system schematic, the locations of all system components, and a list of all system components including manufacturer and model number.

**C1-101.14.3 Maintenance procedures.** The manual shall provide a maintenance schedule and procedures for all system components requiring periodic maintenance. Consumable parts including filters shall be noted along with part numbers.

**C1-101.14.4 Operations procedures.** The manual shall include system startup and shutdown procedures. The manual shall include detailed operating procedures for the system.

**C1-101.15 System abandonment.** If the owner of a *rainwater collection* and *conveyance system* elects to cease use of, or fails to properly maintain such system, the system shall be abandoned and shall comply with the following:

1. All system piping connecting to a utility-provided water system shall be removed or disabled.

2. The *rainwater distribution piping* system shall be replaced with an *approved potable* water supply piping system. Where an existing *potable* pipe system is already in place, the fixtures shall be connected to the existing system.
3. The storage tank shall be secured from accidental access by sealing or locking tank inlets and access points, or filling with sand or equivalent.

**C1-101.16 Potable water applications.** Deleted.

**C1-101.16.1 Water quality testing.** Deleted.

**C1-101.16.1.1 Test methods.** Deleted.

**C1-101.16.1.1.1 Tests required.** Deleted.

**C1-101.16.1.2 Test frequency.** Deleted.

**C1-101.16.1.3 Test records.** Deleted.



## **APPENDIX D**

# **DEGREE DAY AND DESIGN TEMPERATURES**

*The provisions contained in this appendix are deleted.*





## APPENDIX E

# SIZING OF WATER PIPING SYSTEM

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted as part of this code.*

### SECTION E101 GENERAL

#### E101.1 Scope.

**E101.1.1** This appendix outlines two procedures for sizing a water piping system (see Sections E103.3 and E201.1). The design procedures are based on the minimum static pressure available from the supply source, the head changes in the system caused by friction and elevation, and the rates of flow necessary for operation of various fixtures.

**E101.1.2** Because of the variable conditions encountered in hydraulic design, it is impractical to specify definite and detailed rules for sizing of the water piping system. Accordingly, other sizing or design methods conforming to good engineering practice standards are acceptable alternatives to those presented herein.

### SECTION E102 INFORMATION REQUIRED

**E102.1 Preliminary.** Obtain the necessary information regarding the minimum daily static service pressure in the area where the building is to be located. If the building supply is to be metered, obtain information regarding friction loss relative to the rate of flow for meters in the range of sizes likely to be used. Friction loss data can be obtained from most manufacturers of water meters.

#### E102.2 Demand load.

**E102.2.1** Estimate the supply demand of the building main and the principal branches and risers of the system by totaling the corresponding demand from the applicable part of Table E103.3(3).

**E102.2.2** Estimate continuous supply demands in gallons per minute (L/m) for lawn sprinklers, air conditioners, etc., and add the sum to the total demand for fixtures. The result is the estimated supply demand for the building supply.

### SECTION E103 SELECTION OF PIPE SIZE

**E103.1 General.** Decide from Table 604.3 what is the desirable minimum residual pressure that should be maintained at the highest fixture in the supply system. If the highest group of fixtures contains flush valves, the pressure for the group should not be less than 15 pounds per square inch (psi) (103.4 kPa) flowing. For flush tank supplies, the available pressure should not be less than 8 psi (55.2 kPa) flowing, except blowout action fixtures must not be less than 25 psi (172.4 kPa) flowing.

#### E103.2 Pipe sizing.

**E103.2.1** Pipe sizes can be selected according to the following procedure or by other design methods conforming to

acceptable engineering practice and *approved* by the administrative authority. The sizes selected must not be less than the minimum required by this code.

**E103.2.2** Water pipe sizing procedures are based on a system of pressure requirements and losses, the sum of which must not exceed the minimum pressure available at the supply source. These pressures are as follows:

1. Pressure required at fixture to produce required flow. See Sections 604.3 and 604.5.
2. Static pressure loss or gain (due to head) is computed at 0.433 psi per foot (9.8 kPa/m) of elevation change.

**Example:** Assume that the highest fixture supply outlet is 20 feet (6096 mm) above or below the supply source. This produces a static pressure differential of 20 feet by 0.433 psi/foot (2096 mm by 9.8 kPa/m) and an 8.66 psi (59.8 kPa) loss.

3. Loss through water meter. The friction or pressure loss can be obtained from meter manufacturers.
4. Loss through taps in water main.
5. Losses through special devices such as filters, softeners, backflow prevention devices and pressure regulators. These values must be obtained from the manufacturers.
6. Loss through valves and fittings. Losses for these items are calculated by converting to equivalent length of piping and adding to the total pipe length.
7. Loss due to pipe friction can be calculated when the pipe size, the pipe length and the flow through the pipe are known. With these three items, the friction loss can be determined. For piping flow charts not included, use manufacturers' tables and velocity recommendations.

**Note:** For the purposes of all examples, the following metric conversions are applicable:

1 cubic foot per minute = 0.4719 L/s

1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>

1 degree = 0.0175 rad

1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa

1 inch = 25.4 mm

1 foot = 304.8 mm

1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m

**E103.3 Segmented loss method.** The size of water service mains, *branch* mains and risers by the segmented loss method, must be determined according to water supply demand [gpm (L/m)], available water pressure [psi (kPa)] and friction loss caused by the water meter and *developed length* of pipe [feet

(m)], including equivalent length of fittings. This design procedure is based on the following parameters:

- Calculates the friction loss through each length of the pipe.
- Based on a system of pressure losses, the sum of which must not exceed the minimum pressure available at the street main or other source of supply.
- Pipe sizing based on estimated peak demand, total pressure losses caused by difference in elevation, equipment, *developed length* and pressure required at most remote fixture, loss through taps in water main, losses through fittings, filters, backflow prevention devices, valves and pipe friction.

Because of the variable conditions encountered in hydraulic design, it is impractical to specify definite and detailed rules for sizing of the water piping system. Current sizing methods do not address the differences in the probability of use and flow characteristics of fixtures between types of occupancies. Creating an exact model of predicting the demand for a building is impossible and final studies assessing the impact of water conservation on demand are not yet complete. The following steps are necessary for the segmented loss method.

1. **Preliminary.** Obtain the necessary information regarding the minimum daily static service pressure in the area where the building is to be located. If the building supply is to be metered, obtain information regarding friction loss relative to the rate of flow for meters in the range of sizes to be used. Friction loss data can be obtained from manufacturers of water meters. It is essential that enough pressure be available to overcome all system losses caused by friction and elevation so that plumbing fixtures operate properly. Section 604.6 requires the water distribution system to be designed for the minimum pressure available taking into consideration pressure fluctuations. The lowest pressure must be selected to guarantee a continuous, adequate supply of water. The lowest pressure in the public main usually occurs in the summer because of lawn sprinkling and supplying water for air-conditioning cooling towers. Future demands placed on the public main as a result of large growth or expansion should also be considered. The available pressure will decrease as additional loads are placed on the public system.
2. **Demand load.** Estimate the supply demand of the building main and the principal branches and risers of the system by totaling the corresponding demand from the applicable part of Table E103.3(3). When estimating peak demand sizing methods typically use water supply fixture units (w.s.f.u.) [see Table E103.3(2)]. This numerical factor measures the load-producing effect of a single plumbing fixture of a given kind. The use of such fixture units can be applied to a single basic probability curve (or table), found in the various sizing methods [Table E103.3(3)]. The fixture units are then converted into gallons per minute (L/m) flow rate for estimating demand.
  - 2.1. Estimate continuous supply demand in gallons per minute (L/m) for lawn sprinklers, air conditioners, etc., and add the sum to the total demand for fixtures. The result is the estimated supply

demand for the building supply. Fixture units cannot be applied to constant use fixtures such as hose bibbs, lawn sprinklers and air conditioners. These types of fixtures must be assigned the gallon per minute (L/m) value.

3. **Selection of pipe size.** This water pipe sizing procedure is based on a system of pressure requirements and losses, the sum of which must not exceed the minimum pressure available at the supply source. These pressures are as follows:
  - 3.1. Pressure required at the fixture to produce required flow. See Section 604.3 and Section 604.5.
  - 3.2. Static pressure loss or gain (because of head) is computed at 0.433 psi per foot (9.8 kPa/m) of elevation change.
  - 3.3. Loss through a water meter. The friction or pressure loss can be obtained from the manufacturer.
  - 3.4. Loss through taps in water main [see Table E103.3(4)].
  - 3.5. Losses through special devices such as filters, softeners, backflow prevention devices and pressure regulators. These values must be obtained from the manufacturers.
  - 3.6. Loss through valves and fittings [see Tables E103.3(5) and E103.3(6)]. Losses for these items are calculated by converting to equivalent length of piping and adding to the total pipe length.
  - 3.7. Loss caused by pipe friction can be calculated when the pipe size, the pipe length and the flow through the pipe are known. With these three items, the friction loss can be determined using Figures E103.3(2) through E103.3(7). When using charts, use pipe inside diameters. For piping flow charts not included, use manufacturers' tables and velocity recommendations. Before attempting to size any water supply system, it is necessary to gather preliminary information which includes available pressure, piping material, select design velocity, elevation differences and *developed length* to most remote fixture. The water supply system is divided into sections at major changes in elevation or where branches lead to fixture groups. The peak demand must be determined in each part of the hot and cold water supply system which includes the corresponding water supply fixture unit and conversion to gallons per minute (L/m) flow rate to be expected through each section. Sizing methods require the determination of the "most hydraulically remote" fixture to compute the pressure loss caused by pipe and fittings. The hydraulically remote fixture represents the most downstream fixture along the circuit of piping requiring the most available pressure to operate properly. Consideration must be given to all pressure demands and losses, such as friction caused by pipe, fit-

tings and equipment, elevation and the residual pressure required by Table 604.3. The two most common and frequent complaints about the water supply system operation are lack of adequate pressure and noise.

**Problem:** What size Type L copper water pipe, service and distribution will be required to serve a two-story factory building having on each floor, back-to-back, two toilet rooms each equipped with hot and cold water? The highest fixture is 21 feet (6401 mm) above the street main, which is tapped with a 2-inch (51 mm) corporation cock at which point the minimum pressure is 55 psi (379.2 kPa). In the building basement, a 2-inch (51 mm) meter with a maximum pressure drop of 11 psi (75.8 kPa) and 3-inch (76 mm) reduced pressure principle backflow preventer with a maximum pressure drop of 9 psi (621 kPa) are to be installed. The system is shown by Figure E103.3(1). To be determined are the pipe sizes for the service main and the cold and hot water distribution pipes.

**Solution:** A tabular arrangement such as shown in Table E103.3(1) should first be constructed. The steps to be followed are indicated by the tabular arrangement itself as they are in sequence, columns 1 through 10 and lines A through L.

### Step 1

**Columns 1 and 2:** Divide the system into sections breaking at major changes in elevation or where branches lead to fixture groups. After point B [see Figure E103.3(1)], separate consideration will be given to the hot and cold water piping. Enter the sections to be considered in the service and cold water piping in Column 1 of the tabular arrangement. Column 1 of Table E103.3(1) provides a line-by-line recommended tabular arrangement for use in solving pipe sizing.

The objective in designing the water supply system is to ensure an adequate water supply and pressure to all fixtures and equipment. Column 2 provides the pounds per square inch (psi) to be considered separately from the minimum pressure available at the main. Losses to take into consideration are the following: the differences in elevations between the water supply source and the highest water supply outlet, meter pressure losses, the tap in main loss, special fixture devices such as water softeners and backflow prevention devices and the pressure required at the most remote fixture outlet. The difference in elevation can result in an increase or decrease in available pressure at the main. Where the water supply outlet is located above the source, this results in a loss in the available pressure and is subtracted from the pressure at the water source. Where the highest water supply outlet is located below the water supply source, there will be an increase in pressure that is added to the available pressure of the water source.

**Column 3:** According to Table E103.3(3), determine the gpm (L/m) of flow to be expected in each section of the system. These flows range from 28.6 to 108 gpm. Load values for fixtures must be determined as water supply fixture units and then converted to a gallon-per-minute (gpm) rating to determine peak demand. When calculating peak demands, the water supply fixture units are added and then converted to the gallon-per-minute rating. For continuous flow fixtures

such as hose bibbs and lawn sprinkler systems, add the gallon-per-minute demand to the intermittent demand of fixtures. For example, a total of 120 water supply fixture units is converted to a demand of 48 gallons per minute. Two hose bibbs  $\times$  5 gpm demand = 10 gpm. Total gpm rating = 48.0 gpm + 10 gpm = 58.0 gpm demand.

### Step 2

**Line A:** Enter the minimum pressure available at the main source of supply in Column 2. This is 55 psi (379.2 kPa). The local water authorities generally keep records of pressures at different times of day and year. The available pressure can also be checked from nearby buildings or from fire department hydrant checks.

**Line B:** Determine from Table 604.3 the highest pressure required for the fixtures on the system, which is 15 psi (103.4 kPa), to operate a flushometer valve. The most remote fixture outlet is necessary to compute the pressure loss caused by pipe and fittings, and represents the most downstream fixture along the circuit of piping requiring the available pressure to operate properly as indicated by Table 604.3.

**Line C:** Determine the pressure loss for the meter size given or assumed. The total water flow from the main through the service as determined in Step 1 will serve to aid in the meter selected. There are three common types of water meters; the pressure losses are determined by the American Water Works Association Standards for displacement type, compound type and turbine type. The maximum pressure loss of such devices takes into consideration the meter size, safe operating capacity (gpm) and maximum rates for continuous operations (gpm). Typically, equipment imparts greater pressure losses than piping.

**Line D:** Select from Table E103.3(4) and enter the pressure loss for the tap size given or assumed. The loss of pressure through taps and tees in pounds per square inch (psi) are based on the total gallon-per-minute flow rate and size of the tap.

**Line E:** Determine the difference in elevation between the main and source of supply and the highest fixture on the system. Multiply this figure, expressed in feet, by 0.43 psi (2.9 kPa). Enter the resulting psi loss on Line E. The difference in elevation between the water supply source and the highest water supply outlet has a significant impact on the sizing of the water supply system. The difference in elevation usually results in a loss in the available pressure because the water supply outlet is generally located above the water supply source. The loss is caused by the pressure required to lift the water to the outlet. The pressure loss is subtracted from the pressure at the water source. Where the highest water supply outlet is located below the water source, there will be an increase in pressure which is added to the available pressure of the water source.

**Lines F, G and H:** The pressure losses through filters, backflow prevention devices or other special fixtures must be obtained from the manufacturer or estimated and entered on these lines. Equipment such as backflow prevention devices, check valves, water softeners, instantaneous or



tankless water heaters, filters and strainers can impart a much greater pressure loss than the piping. The pressure losses can range from 8 psi to 30 psi.

### Step 3

**Line I:** The sum of the pressure requirements and losses that affect the overall system (Lines B through H) is entered on this line. Summarizing the steps, all of the system losses are subtracted from the minimum water pressure. The remainder is the pressure available for friction, defined as the energy available to push the water through the pipes to each fixture. This force can be used as an average pressure loss, as long as the pressure available for friction is not exceeded. Saving a certain amount for available water supply pressures as an area incurs growth, or because of aging of the pipe or equipment added to the system is recommended.

### Step 4

**Line J:** Subtract Line I from Line A. This gives the pressure that remains available from overcoming friction losses in the system. This figure is a guide to the pipe size that is chosen for each section, incorporating the total friction losses to the most remote outlet (measured length is called *developed length*).

**Exception:** When the main is above the highest fixture, the resulting psi must be considered a pressure gain (static head gain) and omitted from the sums of Lines B through H and added to Line J.

The maximum friction head loss that can be tolerated in the system during peak demand is the difference between the static pressure at the highest and most remote outlet at no-flow conditions and the minimum flow pressure required at that outlet. If the losses are within the required limits, then every run of pipe will also be within the required friction head loss. Static pressure loss is the most remote outlet in feet  $\times 0.433$  = loss in psi caused by elevation differences.

### Step 5

**Column 4:** Enter the length of each section from the main to the most remote outlet (at Point E). Divide the water supply system into sections breaking at major changes in elevation or where branches lead to fixture groups.

### Step 6

**Column 5:** When selecting a trial pipe size, the length from the water service or meter to the most remote fixture outlet must be measured to determine the *developed length*. However, in systems having a flush valve or temperature controlled shower at the topmost floors the *developed length* would be from the water meter to the most remote flush valve on the system. A rule of thumb is that size will become

progressively smaller as the system extends farther from the main source of supply. Trial pipe size may be arrived at by the following formula:

**Line J:** (Pressure available to overcome pipe friction)  $\times$  100/equivalent length of run total *developed length* to most remote fixture  $\times$  percentage factor of 1.5 (note: a percentage factor is used only as an estimate for friction losses imposed for fittings for initial trial pipe size) = psi (average pressure drops per 100 feet of pipe).

For trial pipe size see Figure E 103.3(3) (Type L copper) based on 2.77 psi and a 108 gpm = 2½ inches. To determine the equivalent length of run to the most remote outlet, the *developed length* is determined and added to the friction losses for fittings and valves. The developed lengths of the designated pipe sections are as follows:

A - B 54 ft

B - C 8 ft

C - D 13 ft

D - E 150 ft

Total developed length = 225 ft

The equivalent length of the friction loss in fittings and valves must be added to the *developed length* (most remote outlet). Where the size of fittings and valves is not known, the added friction loss should be approximated. A general rule that has been used is to add 50 percent of the *developed length* to allow for fittings and valves. For example, the equivalent length of run equals the *developed length* of run (225 ft  $\times$  1.5 = 338 ft). The total equivalent length of run for determining a trial pipe size is 338 feet.

**Example:** 9.36 (pressure available to overcome pipe friction)  $\times$  100/338 (equivalent length of run = 225  $\times$  1.5) = 2.77 psi (average pressure drop per 100 feet of pipe).

### Step 7

**Column 6:** Select from Table E103.3(6) the equivalent lengths for the trial pipe size of fittings and valves on each pipe section. Enter the sum for each section in Column 6. (The number of fittings to be used in this example must be an estimate.) The equivalent length of piping is the *developed length* plus the equivalent lengths of pipe corresponding to friction head losses for fittings and valves. Where the size of fittings and valves is not known, the added friction head losses must be approximated. An estimate for this example is found in Table E.1.

### Step 8

**Column 7:** Add the figures from Column 4 and Column 6, and enter in Column 7. Express the sum in hundreds of feet.

TABLE E.1

COLD WATER PIPE SECTION	FITTINGS/VALVES	PRESSURE LOSS EXPRESSED AS EQUIVALENT LENGTH OF TUBE (feet)	HOT WATER PIPE SECTION	FITTINGS/VALVES	PRESSURE LOSS EXPRESSED AS EQUIVALENT OF TUBE (feet)
A-B	3-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Gate valves	3	A-B	3-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Gate valves	3
	1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Side branch tee	12		1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Side branch tee	12
B-C	1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Straight run tee	0.5	B-C	1-2" Straight run tee	7
				1-2" 90-degree ell	0.5
C-F	1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Side branch tee	12	C-F	1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Side branch tee	7
C-D	1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 90-degree ell	7	C-D	1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 90-degree ell	4
D-E	1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Side branch tee	12	D-E	1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Side branch tee	7

**Step 9**

**Column 8:** Select from Figure E103.3(3) the friction loss per 100 feet (30 480 mm) of pipe for the gallon-per-minute flow in a section (Column 3) and trial pipe size (Column 5). Maximum friction head loss per 100 feet is determined on the basis of total pressure available for friction head loss and the longest equivalent length of run. The selection is based on the gallon-per-minute demand, the uniform friction head loss, and the maximum design velocity. Where the size indicated by hydraulic table indicates a velocity in excess of the selected velocity, a size must be selected which produces the required velocity.

**Step 10**

**Column 9:** Multiply the figures in Columns 7 and 8 for each section and enter in Column 9.

Total friction loss is determined by multiplying the friction loss per 100 feet (30 480 mm) for each pipe section in the total *developed length* by the pressure loss in fittings expressed as equivalent length in feet. Note: Section C-F should be considered in the total pipe friction losses only if greater loss occurs in Section C-F than in pipe section D-E. Section C-F is not considered in the total *developed length*. Total friction loss in equivalent length is determined in Table E.2.

**Step 11**

**Line K:** Enter the sum of the values in Column 9. The value is the total friction loss in equivalent length for each designated pipe section.

**Step 12**

**Line L:** Subtract Line J from Line K and enter in Column 10.

The result should always be a positive or plus figure. If it is not, repeat the operation using Columns 5, 6, 8 and 9 until a balance or near balance is obtained. If the difference between Lines J and K is a high positive number, it is an indication that the pipe sizes are too large and should be reduced, thus saving materials. In such a case, the operations using Columns 5, 6, 8 and 9 should again be repeated.

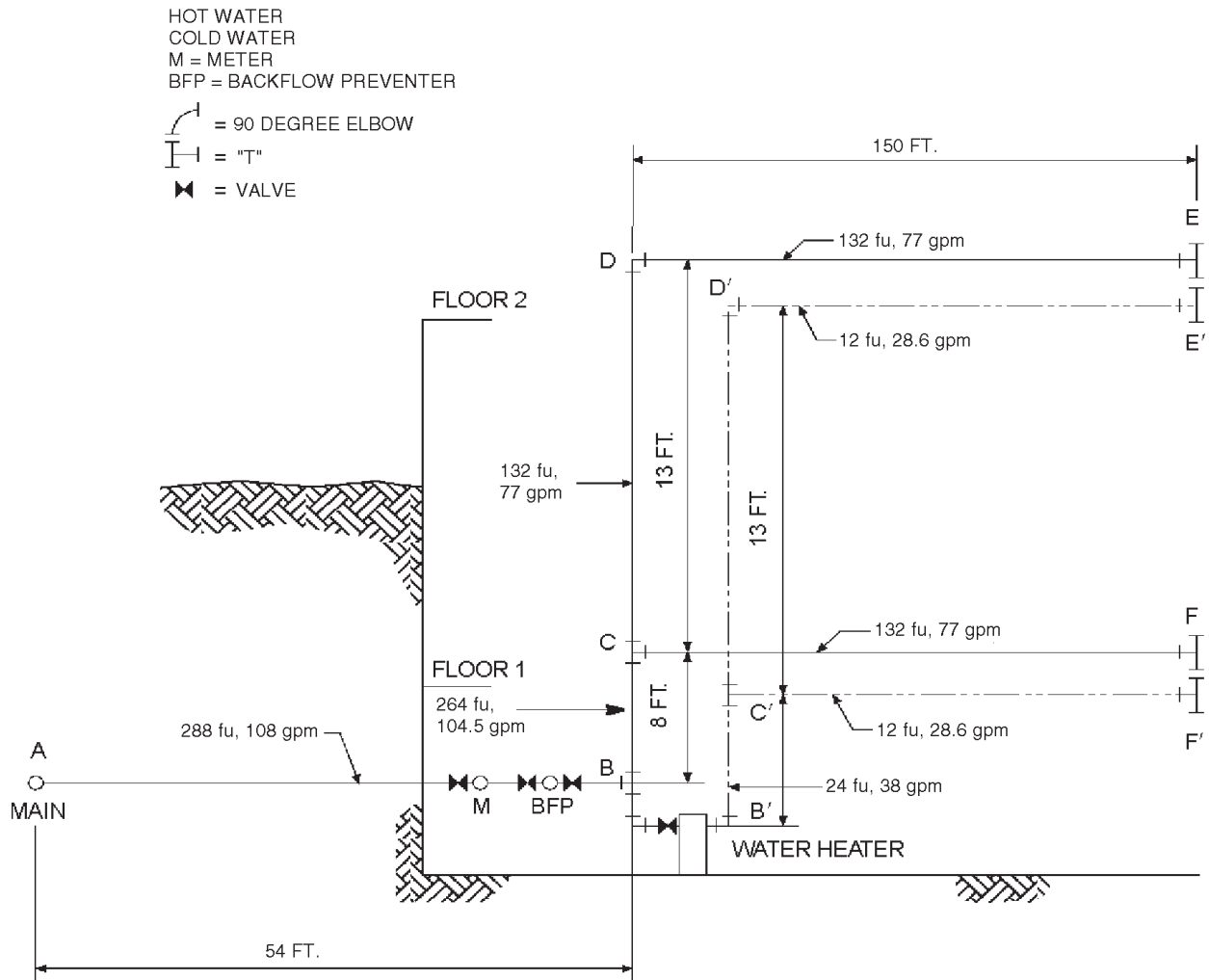
The total friction losses are determined and subtracted from the pressure available to overcome pipe friction for trial pipe size. This number is critical as it provides a guide to whether the pipe size selected is too large and the process should be repeated to obtain an economically designed system.

**Answer:** The final figures entered in Column 5 become the design pipe size for the respective sections. Repeating this operation a second time using the same sketch but considering the demand for hot water, it is possible to size the hot water distribution piping. This has been worked up as a part of the overall problem in the tabular arrangement used for sizing the service and water distribution piping. Note that consideration must be given to the pressure losses from the street main to the water heater (Section A-B) in determining the hot water pipe sizes.

TABLE E.2

PIPE SECTIONS	FRICTION LOSS EQUIVALENT LENGTH (feet)	
	Cold Water	Hot Water
A-B	$0.69 \times 3.2 = 2.21$	$0.69 \times 3.2 = 2.21$
B-C	$0.085 \times 3.1 = 0.26$	$0.16 \times 1.4 = 0.22$
C-D	$0.20 \times 1.9 = 0.38$	$0.17 \times 3.2 = 0.54$
D-E	$1.62 \times 1.9 = 3.08$	$1.57 \times 3.2 = 5.02$
Total pipe friction losses (Line K)	5.93	7.99





For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m.

**FIGURE E103.3(1)**  
**EXAMPLE-SIZING**

**TABLE E103.3(1)**  
**RECOMMENDED TABULAR ARRANGEMENT FOR USE IN SOLVING PIPE SIZING PROBLEMS**

COLUMN	1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Line	Description		Lb per square inch (psi)	Gal. per min through section	Length of section (feet)	Trial pipe size (inches)	Equivalent length of fittings and valves (feet)	Total equivalent length col. 4 and col. 6 (100 feet)	Friction loss per 100 feet of trial size pipe (psi)	Friction loss in equivalent length col. 8 x col. 7 (psi)	Excess pressure over friction losses (psi)
A	Service and cold water distribution piping <sup>a</sup>	Minimum pressure available at main . . .	55.00								
B		Highest pressure required at a fixture (Table 604.3) . . . . .	15.00								
C		Meter loss 2" meter . . . . .	11.00								
D		Tap in main loss 2" tap (Table E103A) . .	1.61								
E		Static head loss 21 × 43 psi . . . . .	9.03								
F		Special fixture loss backflow preventer . . . . .	9.00								
G		Special fixture loss—Filter . . . . .	0.00								
H		Special fixture loss—Other . . . . .	0.00								
I		Total overall losses and requirements (Sum of Lines B through H) . . . . .	45.64								
J		Pressure available to overcome pipe friction (Line A minus Lines B to H) . . . . .	9.36								
		FU									
	DESIGNATION	AB . . . . .	288	108.0	54	2½	15.00	0.69	3.2	2.21	—
	Pipe section (from diagram)	BC . . . . .	264	104.5	8	2½	0.5	0.85	3.1	0.26	—
	Cold water	CD . . . . .	132	77.0	13	2½	7.00	0.20	1.9	0.38	—
	Distribution piping	CF <sup>b</sup> . . . . .	132	77.0	150	2½	12.00	1.62	1.9	3.08	—
		DE <sup>b</sup> . . . . .	132	77.0	150	2½	12.00	1.62	1.9	3.08	—
K	Total pipe friction losses (cold)			—	—	—	—	—	—	5.93	—
L	Difference (Line J minus Line K)			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.43
	Pipe section (from diagram)	A'B' . . . . .	288	108.0	54	2½	12.00	0.69	3.3	2.21	—
	Diagram	B'C' . . . . .	24	38.0	8	2	7.5	0.16	1.4	0.22	—
	Hot water	C'D' . . . . .	12	28.6	13	1½	4.0	0.17	3.2	0.54	—
	Distribution	C'F <sup>b</sup> . . . . .	12	28.6	150	1½	7.00	1.57	3.2	5.02	—
	Piping	D'E <sup>b</sup> . . . . .	12	28.6	150	1½	7.00	1.57	3.2	5.02	—
K	Total pipe friction losses (hot)			—	—	—	—	—	—	7.99	—
L	Difference (Line J minus Line K)			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.37

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m.

a. To be considered as pressure gain for fixtures below main (to consider separately, omit from "I" and add to "J").

b. To consider separately, in K use C-F only if greater loss than above.

**TABLE E103.3(2)**  
**LOAD VALUES ASSIGNED TO FIXTURES<sup>a</sup>**

FIXTURE	OCCUPANCY	TYPE OF SUPPLY CONTROL	LOAD VALUES, IN WATER SUPPLY FIXTURE UNITS (wsfu)		
			Cold	Hot	Total
Bathroom group	Private	Flush tank	2.7	1.5	3.6
Bathroom group	Private	Flush valve	6.0	3.0	8.0
Bathtub	Private	Faucet	1.0	1.0	1.4
Bathtub	Public	Faucet	3.0	3.0	4.0
Bidet	Private	Faucet	1.5	1.5	2.0
Combination fixture	Private	Faucet	2.25	2.25	3.0
Dishwashing machine	Private	Automatic	—	1.4	1.4
Drinking fountain	Offices, etc.	$\frac{3}{8}$ " valve	0.25	—	0.25
Kitchen sink	Private	Faucet	1.0	1.0	1.4
Kitchen sink	Hotel, restaurant	Faucet	3.0	3.0	4.0
Laundry trays (1 to 3)	Private	Faucet	1.0	1.0	1.4
Lavatory	Private	Faucet	0.5	0.5	0.7
Lavatory	Public	Faucet	1.5	1.5	2.0
Service sink	Offices, etc.	Faucet	2.25	2.25	3.0
Shower head	Public	Mixing valve	3.0	3.0	4.0
Shower head	Private	Mixing valve	1.0	1.0	1.4
Urinal	Public	1" flush valve	10.0	—	10.0
Urinal	Public	$\frac{3}{4}$ " flush valve	5.0	—	5.0
Urinal	Public	Flush tank	3.0	—	3.0
Washing machine (8 lb)	Private	Automatic	1.0	1.0	1.4
Washing machine (8 lb)	Public	Automatic	2.25	2.25	3.0
Washing machine (15 lb)	Public	Automatic	3.0	3.0	4.0
Water closet	Private	Flush valve	6.0	—	6.0
Water closet	Private	Flush tank	2.2	—	2.2
Water closet	Public	Flush valve	10.0	—	10.0
Water closet	Public	Flush tank	5.0	—	5.0
Water closet	Public or private	Flushometer tank	2.0	—	2.0

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

- a. For fixtures not listed, loads should be assumed by comparing the fixture to one listed using water in similar quantities and at similar rates. The assigned loads for fixtures with both hot and cold water supplies are given for separate hot and cold water loads and for total load. The separate hot and cold water loads being three-fourths of the total load for the fixture in each case.

**TABLE E103.3(3)**  
**TABLE FOR ESTIMATING DEMAND**

SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSH TANKS			SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSH VALVES		
Load	Demand		Load	Demand	
(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)	(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)
1	3.0	0.04104	—	—	—
2	5.0	0.0684	—	—	—
3	6.5	0.86892	—	—	—
4	8.0	1.06944	—	—	—
5	9.4	1.256592	5	15.0	2.0052
6	10.7	1.430376	6	17.4	2.326032
7	11.8	1.577424	7	19.8	2.646364
8	12.8	1.711104	8	22.2	2.967696
9	13.7	1.831416	9	24.6	3.288528
10	14.6	1.951728	10	27.0	3.60936
11	15.4	2.058672	11	27.8	3.716304
12	16.0	2.13888	12	28.6	3.823248
13	16.5	2.20572	13	29.4	3.930192
14	17.0	2.27256	14	30.2	4.037136
15	17.5	2.3394	15	31.0	4.14408
16	18.0	2.90624	16	31.8	4.241024
17	18.4	2.459712	17	32.6	4.357968
18	18.8	2.513184	18	33.4	4.464912
19	19.2	2.566656	19	34.2	4.571856
20	19.6	2.620128	20	35.0	4.6788
25	21.5	2.87412	25	38.0	5.07984
30	23.3	3.114744	30	42.0	5.61356
35	24.9	3.328632	35	44.0	5.88192
40	26.3	3.515784	40	46.0	6.14928
45	27.7	3.702936	45	48.0	6.41664
50	29.1	3.890088	50	50.0	6.684
60	32.0	4.27776	60	54.0	7.21872
70	35.0	4.6788	70	58.0	7.75344
80	38.0	5.07984	80	61.2	8.181216
90	41.0	5.48088	90	64.3	8.595624
100	43.5	5.81508	100	67.5	9.0234
120	48.0	6.41664	120	73.0	9.75864
140	52.5	7.0182	140	77.0	10.29336
160	57.0	7.61976	160	81.0	10.82808
180	61.0	8.15448	180	85.5	11.42964
200	65.0	8.6892	200	90.0	12.0312
225	70.0	9.3576	225	95.5	12.76644
250	75.0	10.026	250	101.0	13.50168

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**TABLE E103.3(3)—continued**  
**TABLE FOR ESTIMATING DEMAND**

SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSH TANKS			SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSH VALVES		
Load	Demand		Load	Demand	
(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)	(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)
275	80.0	10.6944	275	104.5	13.96956
300	85.0	11.3628	300	108.0	14.43744
400	105.0	14.0364	400	127.0	16.97736
500	124.0	16.57632	500	143.0	19.11624
750	170.0	22.7256	750	177.0	23.66136
1,000	208.0	27.80544	1,000	208.0	27.80544
1,250	239.0	31.94952	1,250	239.0	31.94952
1,500	269.0	35.95992	1,500	269.0	35.95992
1,750	297.0	39.70296	1,750	297.0	39.70296
2,000	325.0	43.446	2,000	325.0	43.446
2,500	380.0	50.7984	2,500	380.0	50.7984
3,000	433.0	57.88344	3,000	433.0	57.88344
4,000	525.0	70.182	4,000	525.0	70.182
5,000	593.0	79.27224	5,000	593.0	79.27224

**TABLE E103.3(4)**  
**LOSS OF PRESSURE THROUGH TAPS AND TEES IN POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH (psi)**

GALLONS PER MINUTE	SIZE OF TAP OR TEE (inches)						
	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	3
10	1.35	0.64	0.18	0.08	—	—	—
20	5.38	2.54	0.77	0.31	0.14	—	—
30	12.10	5.72	1.62	0.69	0.33	0.10	—
40	—	10.20	3.07	1.23	0.58	0.18	—
50	—	15.90	4.49	1.92	0.91	0.28	—
60	—	—	6.46	2.76	1.31	0.40	—
70	—	—	8.79	3.76	1.78	0.55	0.10
80	—	—	11.50	4.90	2.32	0.72	0.13
90	—	—	14.50	6.21	2.94	0.91	0.16
100	—	—	17.94	7.67	3.63	1.12	0.21
120	—	—	25.80	11.00	5.23	1.61	0.30
140	—	—	35.20	15.00	7.12	2.20	0.41
150	—	—	—	17.20	8.16	2.52	0.47
160	—	—	—	19.60	9.30	2.92	0.54
180	—	—	—	24.80	11.80	3.62	0.68
200	—	—	—	30.70	14.50	4.48	0.84
225	—	—	—	38.80	18.40	5.60	1.06
250	—	—	—	47.90	22.70	7.00	1.31
275	—	—	—	—	27.40	7.70	1.59
300	—	—	—	—	32.60	10.10	1.88

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kpa, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.



**TABLE E103.3(5)**  
**ALLOWANCE IN EQUIVALENT LENGTHS OF PIPE FOR FRICTION LOSS IN VALVES AND THREADED FITTINGS (feet)**

FITTING OR VALVE	PIPE SIZE (inches)							
	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3
45-degree elbow	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.4	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0
90-degree elbow	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	10.0
Tee, run	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
Tee, branch	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	12.0	15.0
Gate valve	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.0
Balancing valve	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.2	3.0	3.7	4.5
Plug-type cock	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.2	3.0	3.7	4.5
Check valve, swing	5.6	8.4	11.2	14.0	16.8	22.4	28.0	33.6
Globe valve	15.0	20.0	25.0	35.0	45.0	55.0	65.0	80.0
Angle valve	8.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	22.0	28.0	34.0	40.0

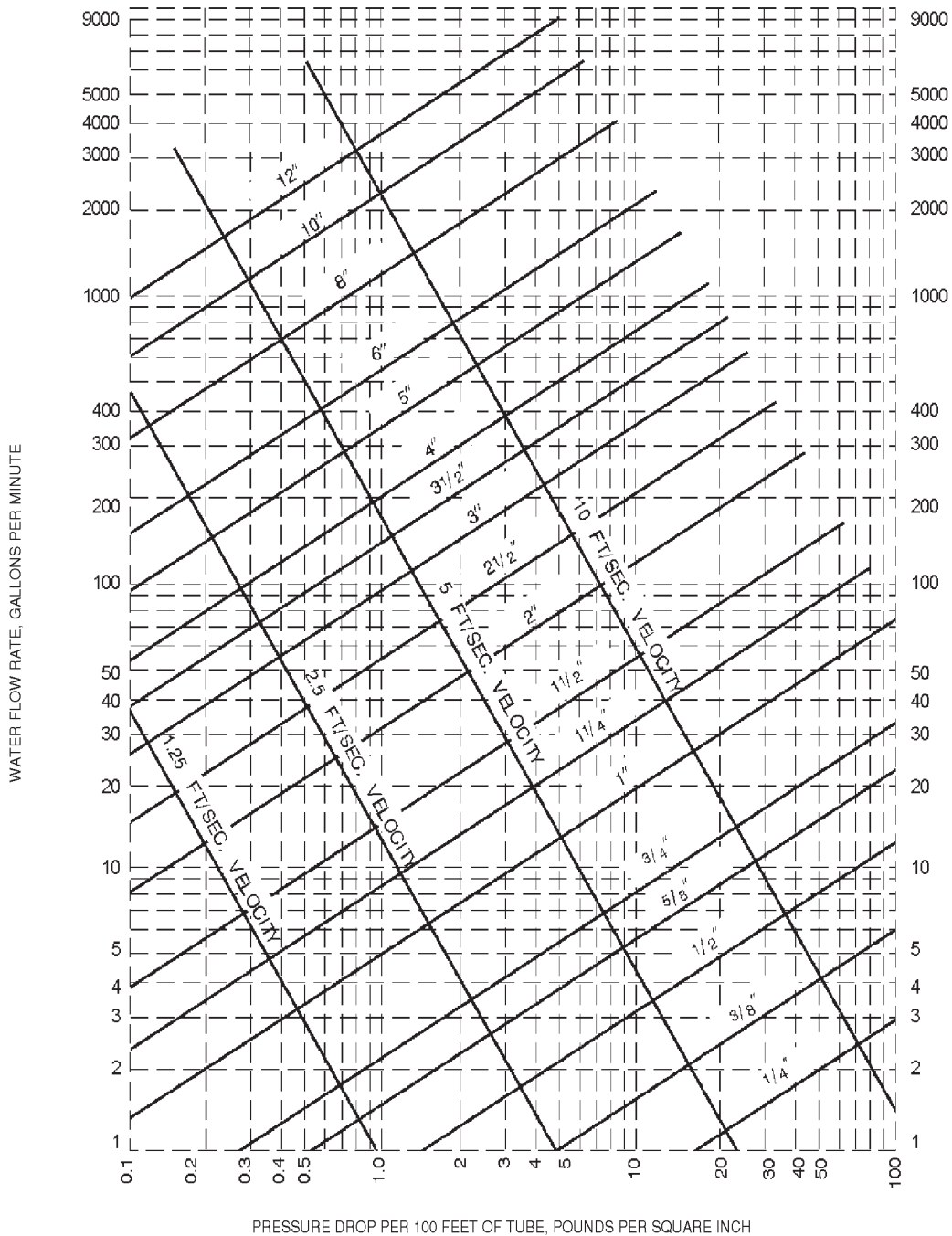
For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 degree = 0.0175 rad.

**TABLE E103.3(6)**  
**PRESSURE LOSS IN FITTINGS AND VALVES EXPRESSED AS EQUIVALENT LENGTH OF TUBE<sup>a</sup> (feet)**

NOMINAL OR STANDARD SIZE (inches)	FITTINGS				Coupling	VALVES			
	Standard Ell		90-Degree Tee			Ball	Gate	Butterfly	Check
	90 Degree	45 Degree	Side Branch	Straight Run					
3/8	0.5	—	1.5	—	—	—	—	—	1.5
1/2	1	0.5	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
5/8	1.5	0.5	2	—	—	—	—	—	2.5
3/4	2	0.5	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
1	2.5	1	4.5	—	—	0.5	—	—	4.5
1 1/4	3	1	5.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	—	—	5.5
1 1/2	4	1.5	7	0.5	0.5	0.5	—	—	6.5
2	5.5	2	9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	9
2 1/2	7	2.5	12	0.5	0.5	—	1	10	11.5
3	9	3.5	15	1	1	—	1.5	15.5	14.5
3 1/2	9	3.5	14	1	1	—	2	—	12.5
4	12.5	5	21	1	1	—	2	16	18.5
5	16	6	27	1.5	1.5	—	3	11.5	23.5
6	19	7	34	2	2	—	3.5	13.5	26.5
8	29	11	50	3	3	—	5	12.5	39

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 degree = 0.01745 rad.

- a. Allowances are for streamlined soldered fittings and recessed threaded fittings. For threaded fittings, double the allowances shown in the table. The equivalent lengths presented above are based on a C factor of 150 in the Hazen-Williams friction loss formula. The lengths shown are rounded to the nearest half-foot.

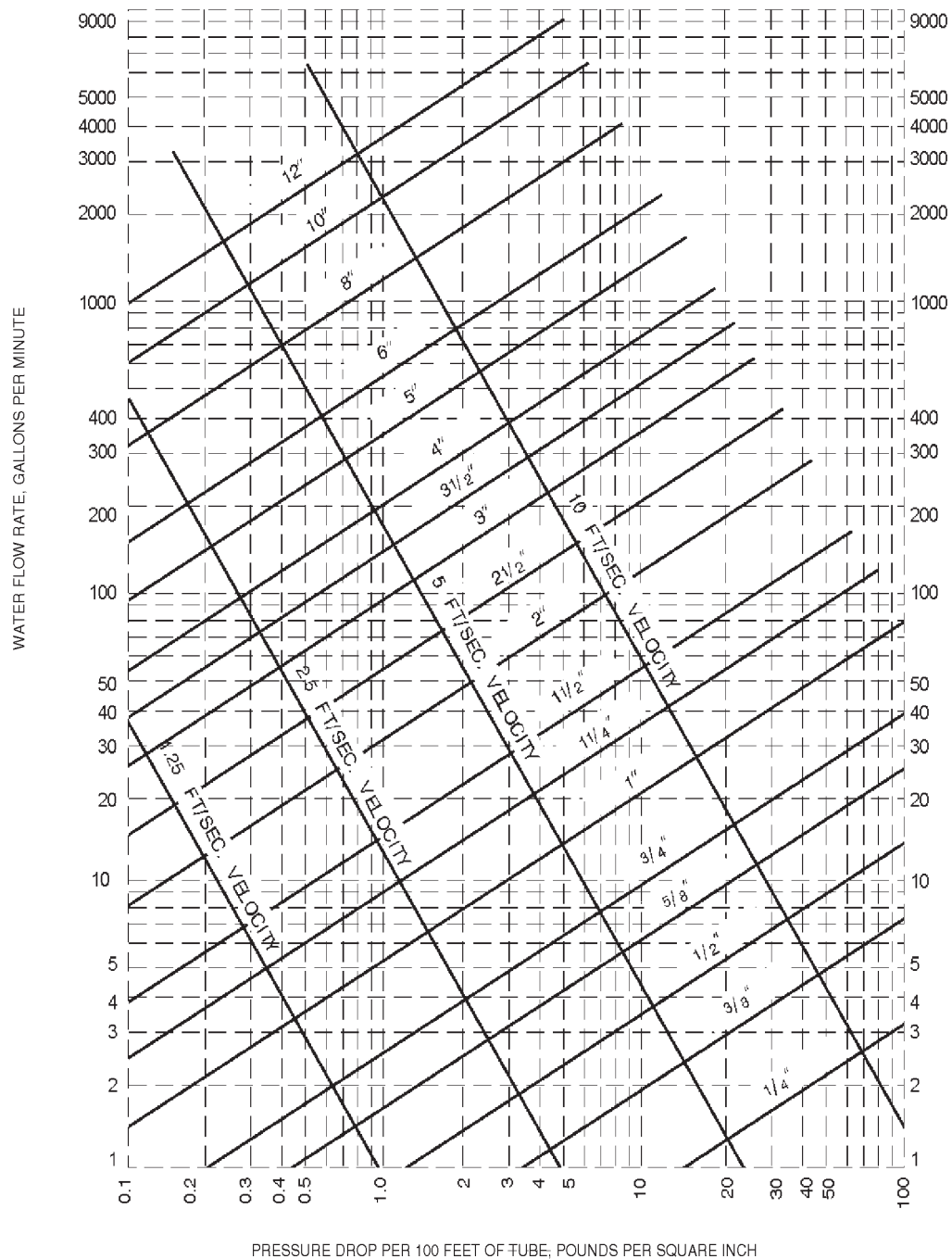


Note: Fluid velocities in excess of 5 to 8 feet/second are not usually recommended.

**FIGURE E103.3(2)**  
**FRICTION LOSS IN SMOOTH PIPE<sup>a</sup> (TYPE K, ASTM B 88 COPPER TUBING)**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa,  
 1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

a. This chart applies to smooth new copper tubing with recessed (streamline) soldered joints and to the actual sizes of types indicated on the diagram.

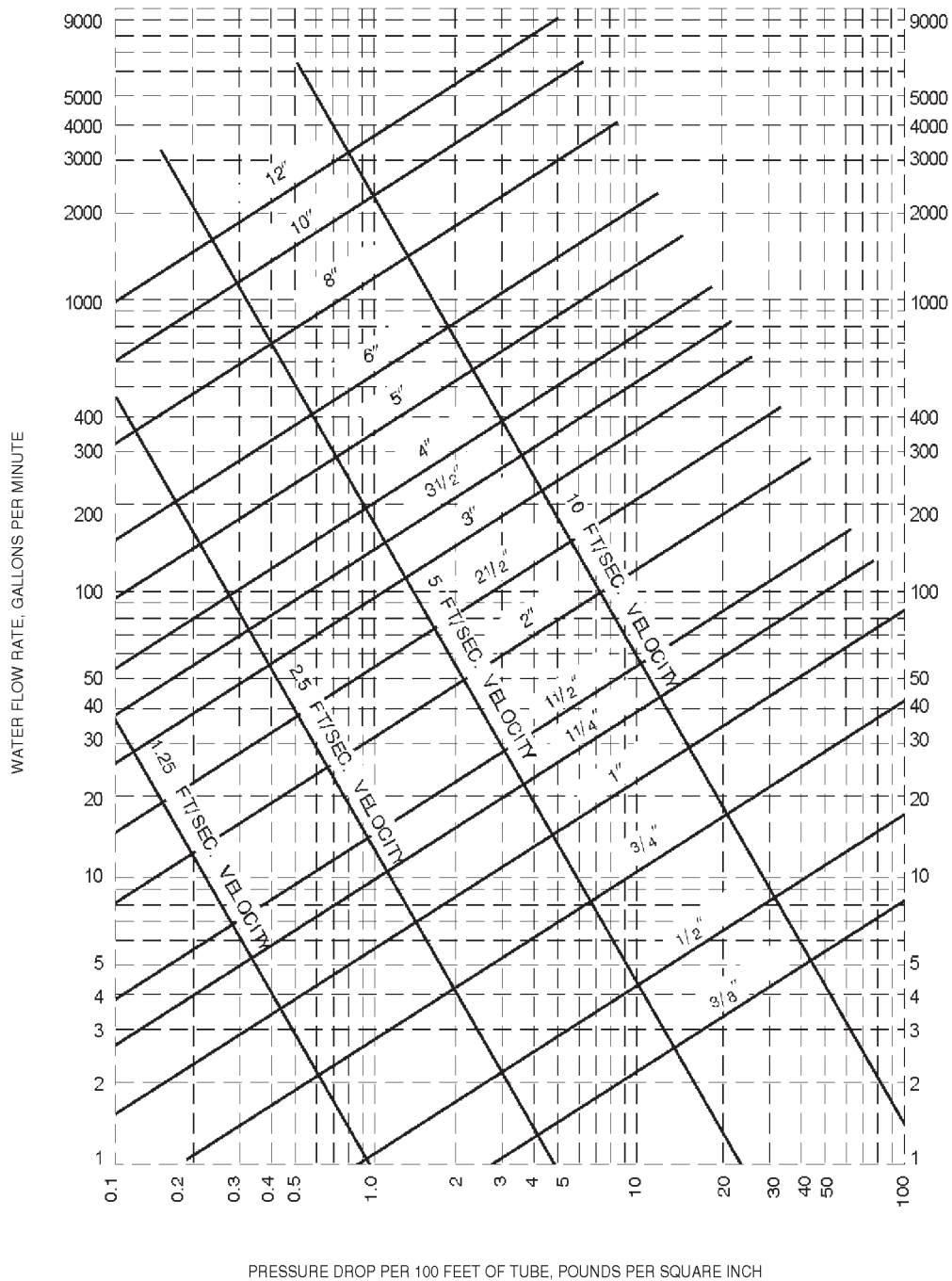


Note: Fluid velocities in excess of 5 to 8 feet/second are not usually recommended.

**FIGURE E103.3(3)**  
**FRICTION LOSS IN SMOOTH PIPE<sup>a</sup> (TYPE L, ASTM B 88 COPPER TUBING)**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa,  
1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

a. This chart applies to smooth new copper tubing with recessed (streamline) soldered joints and to the actual sizes of types indicated on the diagram.

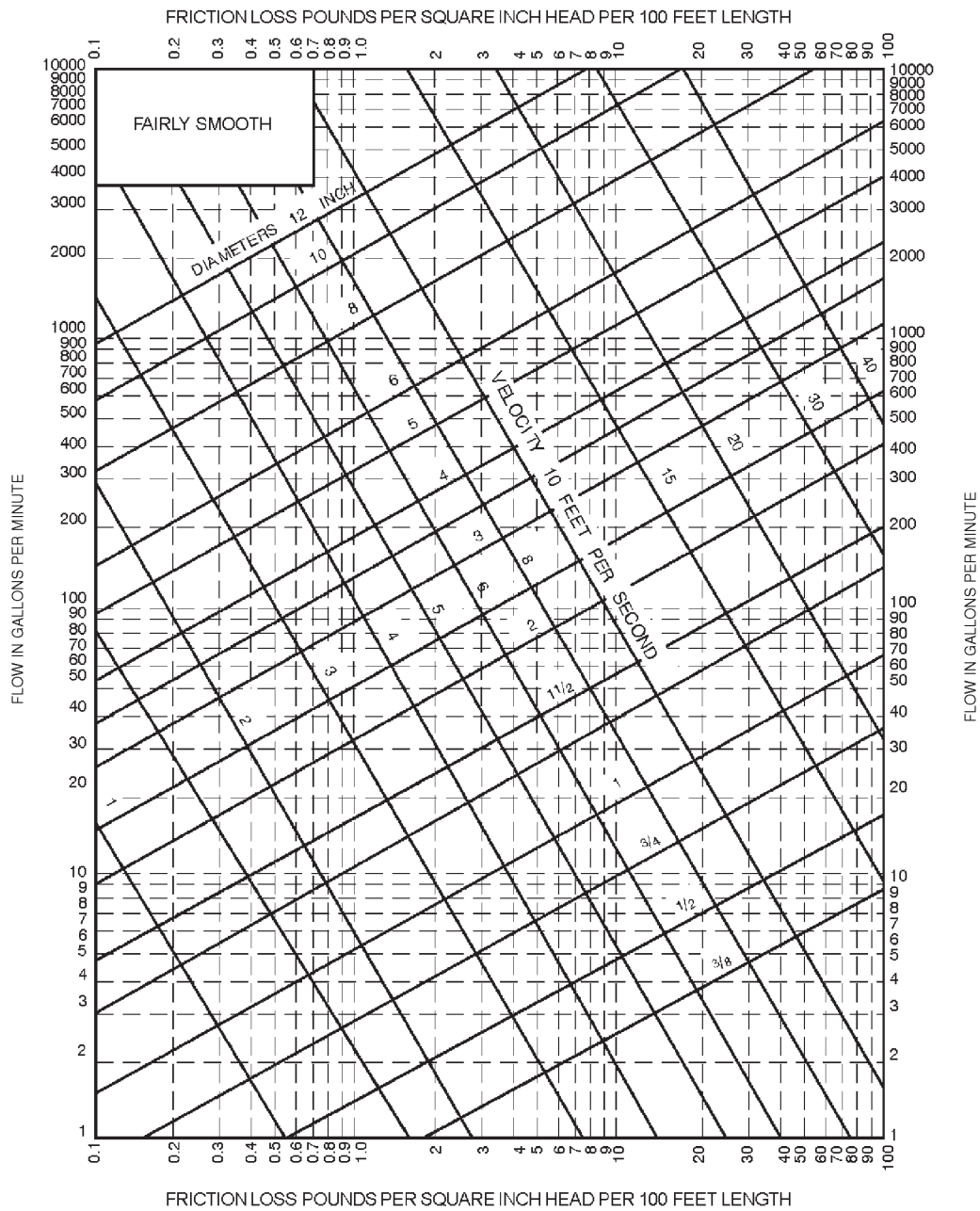


Note: Fluid velocities in excess of 5 to 8 feet/second are not usually recommended.

**FIGURE E103.3(4)**  
**FRICTION LOSS IN SMOOTH PIPE<sup>a</sup> (TYPE M, ASTM B 88 COPPER TUBING)**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa,  
 1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

a. This chart applies to smooth new copper tubing with recessed (streamline) soldered joints and to the actual sizes of types indicated on the diagram.

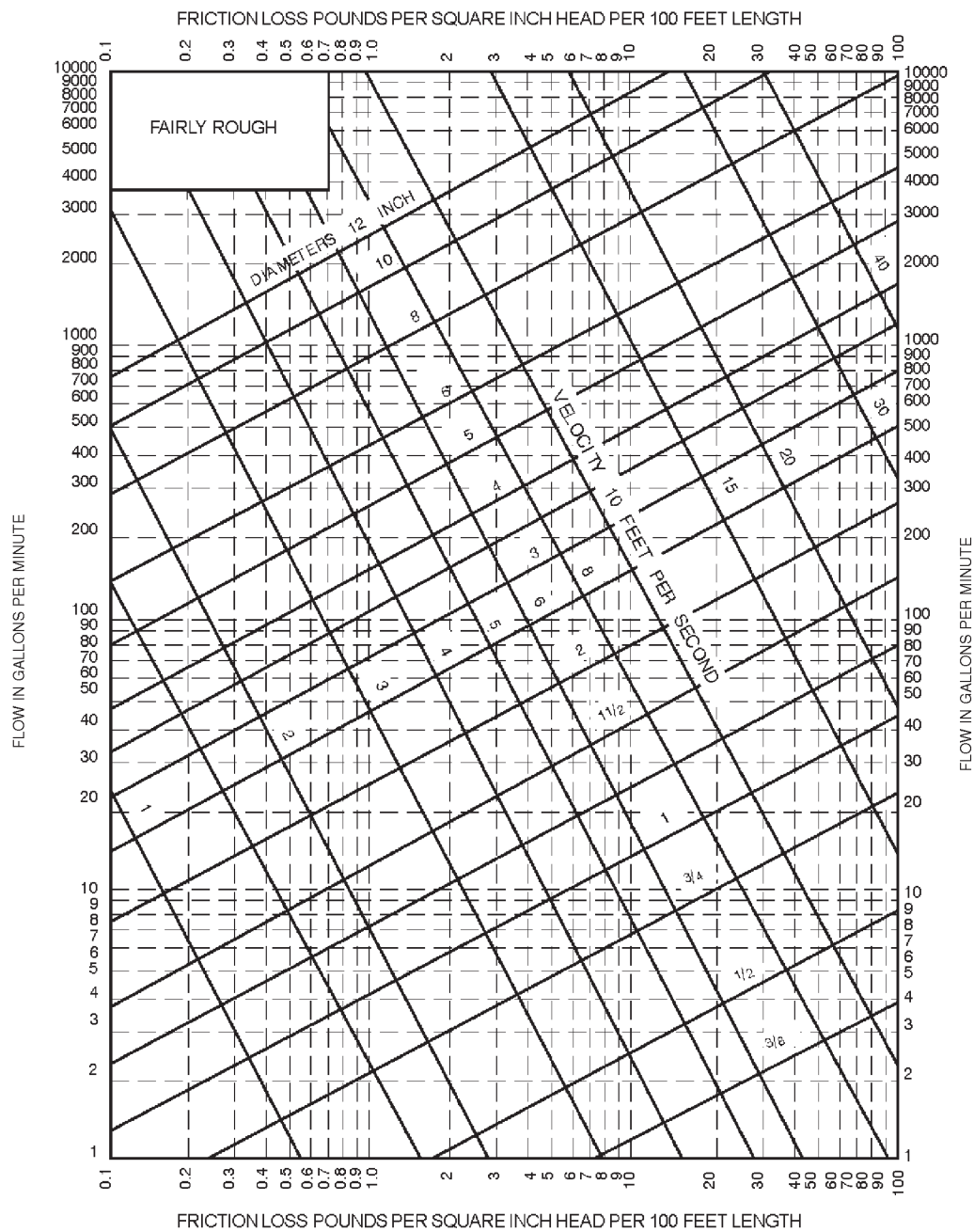


**FIGURE E103.3(5)**  
**FRICTION LOSS IN FAIRLY SMOOTH PIPE<sup>a</sup>**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa,  
 1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

a. This chart applies to smooth new steel (fairly smooth) pipe and to actual diameters of standard-weight pipe.

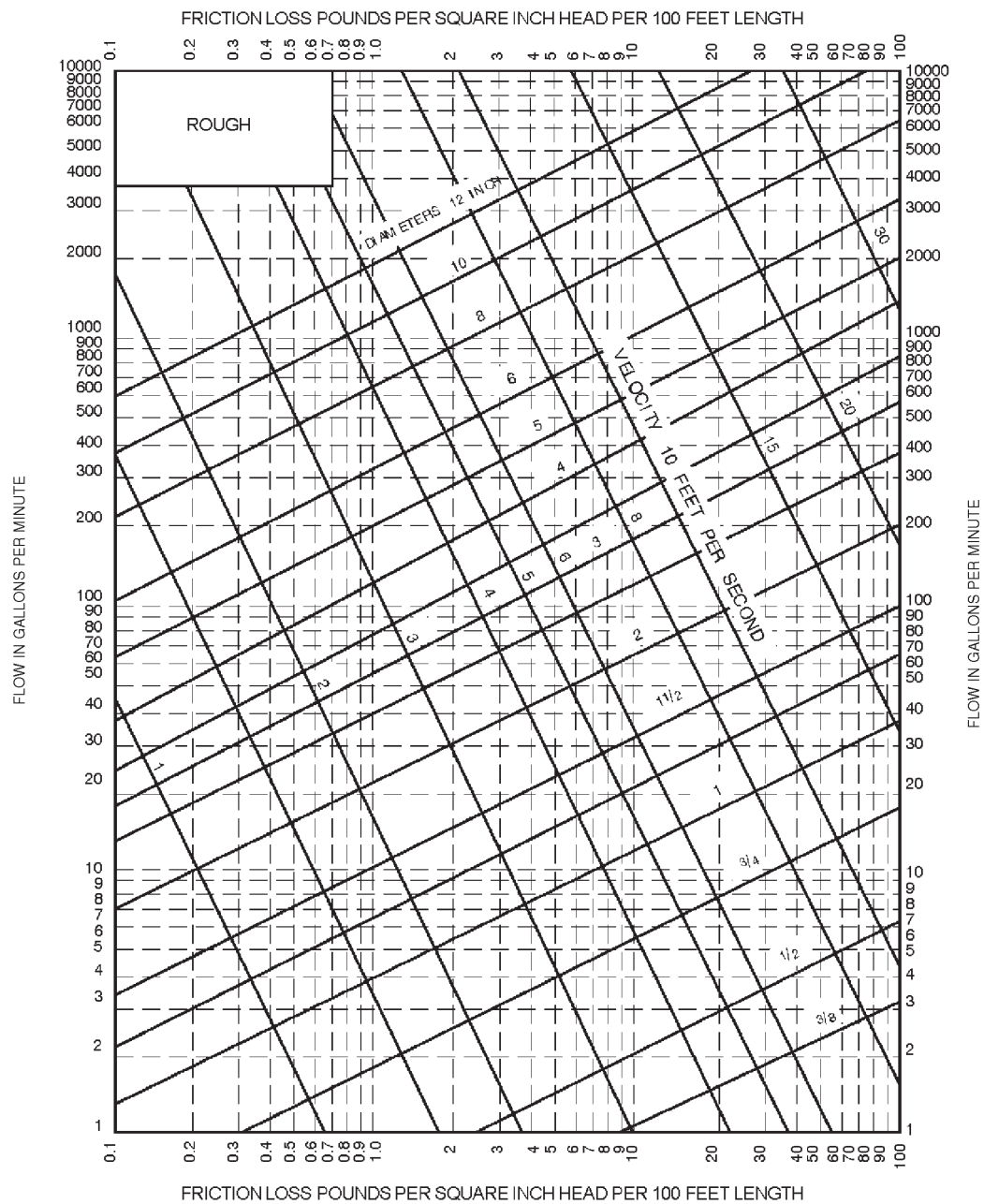




**FIGURE E103.3(6)**  
**FRICION LOSS IN FAIRLY ROUGH PIPE<sup>a</sup>**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa,  
1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

a. This chart applies to fairly rough pipe and to actual diameters which in general will be less than the actual diameters of the new pipe of the same kind.



**FIGURE E103.3(7)**  
**FRICTION LOSS IN FAIRLY ROUGH PIPE<sup>a</sup>**

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa,  
 1 foot per second = 0.305 m/s.

a. This chart applies to very rough pipe and existing pipe and to their actual diameters.

## SECTION E201 SELECTION OF PIPE SIZE

**E201.1 Size of water-service mains, branch mains and risers.** The minimum size water service pipe shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (19.1 mm). The size of water service mains, *branch* mains and risers shall be determined according to water supply demand [gpm (L/m)], available water pressure [psi (kPa)] and friction loss due to the water meter and *developed length* of pipe [feet (m)], including equivalent length of fittings. The size of each water distribution system shall be determined according to the procedure outlined in this section or by other design methods conforming to acceptable engineering practice and *approved* by the code official:

1. Supply load in the building water-distribution system shall be determined by total load on the pipe being sized, in terms of water-supply fixture units (w.s.f.u.), as shown in Table E103.3(2). For fixtures not listed, choose a w.s.f.u. value of a fixture with similar flow characteristics.
2. Obtain the minimum daily static service pressure [psi (kPa)] available (as determined by the local water authority) at the water meter or other source of supply at the installation location. Adjust this minimum daily static pressure [psi (kPa)] for the following conditions:
  - 2.1. Determine the difference in elevation between the source of supply and the highest water supply outlet. Where the highest water supply outlet is located above the source of supply, deduct 0.5 psi (3.4 kPa) for each foot (0.3 m) of difference in elevation. Where the highest water supply outlet is located below the source of supply, add 0.5 psi (3.4 kPa) for each foot (0.3 m) of difference in elevation.
  - 2.2. Where a water pressure reducing valve is installed in the water distribution system, the minimum daily static water pressure available is 80 percent of the minimum daily static water pressure at the source of supply or the set pressure downstream of the pressure reducing valve, whichever is smaller.
  - 2.3. Deduct all pressure losses due to special equipment such as a backflow preventer, water filter and water softener. Pressure loss data for each piece of equipment shall be obtained through the manufacturer of such devices.
  - 2.4. Deduct the pressure in excess of 8 psi (55 kPa) due to installation of the special plumbing fixture, such as temperature controlled shower and flushometer tank water closet.  
Using the resulting minimum available pressure, find the corresponding pressure range in Table E201.1.
3. The maximum *developed length* for water piping is the actual length of pipe between the source of supply and the most remote fixture, including either hot (through the water heater) or cold water branches multiplied by a fac-

tor of 1.2 to compensate for pressure loss through fittings.

Select the appropriate column in Table E201.1 equal to or greater than the calculated maximum *developed length*.

4. To determine the size of water service pipe, meter and main distribution pipe to the building using the appropriate table, follow down the selected “maximum *developed length*” column to a fixture unit equal to, or greater than the total installation demand calculated by using the “combined” water supply fixture unit column of Table E103.3(2). Read the water service pipe and meter sizes in the first left-hand column and the main distribution pipe to the building in the second left-hand column on the same row.
5. To determine the size of each water distribution pipe, start at the most remote outlet on each *branch* (either hot or cold *branch*) and, working back toward the main distribution pipe to the building, add up the water supply fixture unit demand passing through each segment of the distribution system using the related hot or cold column of Table E103.3(2). Knowing demand, the size of each segment shall be read from the second left-hand column of the same table and maximum *developed length* column selected in Steps 1 and 2, under the same or next smaller size meter row. In no case does the size of any *branch* or main need to be larger than the size of the main distribution pipe to the building established in Step 4.

## SECTION E202 DETERMINATION OF PIPE VOLUMES

**E202.1 Determining volume of piping systems.** Where required for engineering design purposes, Table E202.1 shall be used to determine the approximate internal volume of water distribution piping.

**TABLE E201.1**  
**MINIMUM SIZE OF WATER METERS, MAINS AND DISTRIBUTION PIPING**  
**BASED ON WATER SUPPLY FIXTURE UNIT VALUES (w.s.f.u.)**

METER AND SERVICE PIPE (inches)	DISTRIBUTION PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT LENGTH (feet)									
Pressure Range 30 to 39 psi		40	60	80	100	150	200	250	300	400	500
3/4	1/2 <sup>a</sup>	2.5	2	1.5	1.5	1	1	0.5	0.5	0	0
3/4	3/4	9.5	7.5	6	5.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5
3/4	1	32	25	20	16.5	11	9	7.8	6.5	5.5	4.5
1	1	32	32	27	21	13.5	10	8	7	5.5	5
3/4	1 1/4	32	32	32	32	30	24	20	17	13	10.5
1	1 1/4	80	80	70	61	45	34	27	22	16	12
1 1/2	1 1/4	80	80	80	75	54	40	31	25	17.5	13
1	1 1/2	87	87	87	87	84	73	64	56	45	36
1 1/2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	117	92	79	69	54	43
2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	128	99	83	72	56	45
1	2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	86
1 1/2	2	275	275	275	275	258	223	196	174	144	122
2	2	365	365	365	365	318	266	229	201	160	134
2	2 1/2	533	533	533	533	533	495	448	409	353	311

METER AND SERVICE PIPE (inches)	DISTRIBUTION PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT LENGTH (feet)									
Pressure Range 40 to 49 psi		40	60	80	100	150	200	250	300	400	500
3/4	1/2 <sup>a</sup>	3	2.5	2	1.5	1.5	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
3/4	3/4	9.5	9.5	8.5	7	5.5	4.5	3.5	3	2.5	2
3/4	1	32	32	32	26	18	13.5	10.5	9	7.5	6
1	1	32	32	32	32	21	15	11.5	9.5	7.5	6.5
3/4	1 1/4	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	27	21	16.5
1	1 1/4	80	80	80	80	65	52	42	35	26	20
1 1/2	1 1/4	80	80	80	80	75	59	48	39	28	21
1	1 1/2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	78	65	55
1 1/2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	151	130	109	93	75	63
2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	151	139	115	98	77	64
1	2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
1 1/2	2	275	275	275	275	275	275	264	238	198	169
2	2	365	365	365	365	365	349	304	270	220	185
2	2 1/2	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	528	456	403

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**TABLE E201.1—continued**  
**MINIMUM SIZE OF WATER METERS, MAINS AND DISTRIBUTION PIPING**  
**BASED ON WATER SUPPLY FIXTURE UNIT VALUES (w.s.f.u.)**

METER AND SERVICE PIPE (inches)	DISTRIBUTION PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT LENGTH (feet)									
Pressure Range 50 to 60 psi		40	60	80	100	150	200	250	300	400	500
3/4	1/2 <sup>a</sup>	3	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	1	1	0.5	0.5
3/4	3/4	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.5	6.5	5	4.5	4	3	2.5
3/4	1	32	32	32	32	25	18.5	14.5	12	9.5	8
1	1	32	32	32	32	30	22	16.5	13	10	8
3/4	1 1/4	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	29	24
1	1 1/4	80	80	80	80	80	68	57	48	35	28
1 1/2	1 1/4	80	80	80	80	80	75	63	53	39	29
1	1 1/2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	82	70
1 1/2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	151	151	139	120	94	79
2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	151	151	146	126	97	81
1	2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
1 1/2	2	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	247	213
2	2	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	329	272	232
2	2 1/2	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	486

METER AND SERVICE PIPE (inches)	DISTRIBUTION PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT LENGTH (feet)									
Pressure Range Over 60		40	60	80	100	150	200	250	300	400	500
3/4	1/2 <sup>a</sup>	3	3	3	2.5	2	1.5	1.5	1	1	0.5
3/4	3/4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	7.5	6	5	4.5	3.5	3
3/4	1	32	32	32	32	32	24	19.5	15.5	11.5	9.5
1	1	32	32	32	32	32	28	28	17	12	9.5
3/4	1 1/4	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	30
1	1 1/4	80	80	80	80	80	80	69	60	46	36
1 1/2	1 1/4	80	80	80	80	80	80	76	65	50	38
1	1 1/2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	84
1 1/2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	144	114	94
2	1 1/2	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	118	97
1	2	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
1 1/2	2	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	252
2	2	365	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	318	273
2	2 1/2	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	533	533

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. Minimum size for building supply is  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipe.



**TABLE E202.1**  
**INTERNAL VOLUME OF VARIOUS WATER DISTRIBUTION TUBING**

OUNCES OF WATER PER FOOT OF TUBE							
Size Nominal, Inch	Copper Type M	Copper Type L	Copper Type K	CPVC CTS SDR 11	CPVC SCH 40	Composite ASTM F 1281	PEX CTS SDR 9
$\frac{3}{8}$	1.06	0.97	0.84	N/A	1.17	0.63	0.64
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.69	1.55	1.45	1.25	1.89	1.31	1.18
$\frac{3}{4}$	3.43	3.22	2.90	2.67	3.38	3.39	2.35
1	5.81	5.49	5.17	4.43	5.53	5.56	3.91
$1\frac{1}{4}$	8.70	8.36	8.09	6.61	9.66	8.49	5.81
$1\frac{1}{2}$	12.18	11.83	11.45	9.22	13.20	13.88	8.09
2	21.08	20.58	20.04	15.79	21.88	21.48	13.86

For SI: 1 ounce = 0.030 liter.



## APPENDIX F

# STRUCTURAL SAFETY

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted as part of this code.*

### SECTION F101 CUTTING, NOTCHING AND BORING IN WOOD MEMBERS

**[B] F101.1 Joist notching.** Notches on the ends of joists shall not exceed one-fourth the joist depth. Holes bored in joists shall not be within 2 inches (51 mm) of the top or bottom of the joist, and the diameter of any such hole shall not exceed one-third the depth of the joist. Notches in the top or bottom of joists shall not exceed one sixth the depth and shall not be located in the middle third of the span.

**[B] F101.2 Stud cutting and notching.** In exterior walls and bearing partitions, any wood stud is permitted to be cut or notched to a depth not exceeding 25 percent of its width. Cutting or notching of studs to a depth not greater than 40 percent of the width of the stud is permitted in nonbearing partitions supporting no loads other than the weight of the partition.

**[B] F101.3 Bored holes.** A hole not greater in diameter than 40 percent of the stud width is permitted to be bored in any wood stud. Bored holes not greater than 60 percent of the width of the stud are permitted in nonbearing partitions or in any wall where each bored stud is doubled, provided not more than two such successive doubled studs are so bored. In no case shall the edge of the bored hole be nearer than 0.625 inch (15.9 mm) to the edge of the stud. Bored holes shall not be located at the same section of stud as a cut or notch.

**[B] F101.4 Cutting, notching and boring holes in structural steel framing.** The cutting, notching and boring of holes in structural steel framing members shall be as prescribed by the registered design professional.

**[B] F101.5 Cutting, notching and boring holes in cold-formed steel framing.** Flanges and lips of load-bearing cold-formed steel framing members shall not be cut or notched. Holes in webs of load-bearing cold-formed steel framing members shall be permitted along the centerline of the web of the framing member and shall not exceed the dimensional limitations, penetration spacing or minimum hole edge distance as prescribed by the registered design professional. Cutting, notching and boring holes of steel floor/roof decking shall be as prescribed by the registered design professional.

**[B] F101.6 Cutting, notching and boring holes in non-structural cold-formed steel wall framing.** Flanges and lips of nonstructural cold-formed steel wall studs shall not be cut or notched. Holes in webs of nonstructural cold-formed steel wall studs shall be permitted along the centerline of the web of the framing member, shall not exceed 1½ inches (38 mm) in width or 4 inches (102 mm) in length, and the holes shall not be spaced less than 24 inches (610 mm) center to center from another hole or less than 10 inches (254 mm) from the bearing end.



## APPENDIX G

# VACUUM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted as part of this code.*

### SECTION G101

#### VACUUM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

**G101.1 Scope.** This appendix provides general guidelines for the requirements for vacuum drainage systems.

**G101.2 General requirements.**

**G101.2.1 System design.** Vacuum drainage systems shall be designed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. The system layout, including piping layout, tank assemblies, vacuum pump assembly and other components/designs necessary for proper function of the system shall be per manufacturer's recommendations. Plans, specifications and other data for such systems shall be submitted to the local administrative authority for review and approval prior to installation.

**G101.2.2 Fixtures.** Gravity-type fixtures used in vacuum drainage systems shall comply with Chapter 4 of this code.

**G101.2.3 Drainage fixture units.** Fixture units for gravity drainage systems which discharge into or receive discharge from vacuum drainage systems shall be based on values in Chapter 7 of this code.

**G101.2.4 Water supply fixture units.** Water supply fixture units shall be based on values in Chapter 6 of this code with the addition that the fixture unit of a vacuum-type water closet shall be "1."

**G101.2.5 Traps and cleanouts.** Gravity-type fixtures shall be provided with traps and cleanouts in accordance with Chapters 7 and 10 of this code.

**G101.2.6 Materials.** Vacuum drainage pipe, fitting and valve materials shall be as recommended by the vacuum drainage system manufacturer and as permitted by this code.

**G101.3 Testing and demonstrations.** After completion of the entire system installation, the system shall be subjected to a vacuum test of 19 inches (483 mm) of mercury and shall be operated to function as required by the administrative authority and the manufacturer. Recorded proof of all tests shall be submitted to the administrative authority.

**G101.4 Written instructions.** Written instructions for the operations, maintenance, safety and emergency procedures shall be provided by the building owner as verified by the administrative authority.





## **APPENDIX H**

# **RODENTPROOFING**

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted as part of this code.*

**H304.1 General.** Buildings or structures and the walls enclosing habitable or occupiable rooms and spaces in which persons live, sleep or work, or in which feed, food or foodstuffs are stored, prepared, processed, served or sold, shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**H304.2 Foundation wall ventilation openings.** Foundation wall ventilator openings shall be covered for their height and width with perforated sheet metal plates no less than 0.070-inch (1.8 mm) thick, expanded sheet metal plates not less than 0.047-inch (1.2 mm) thick, cast iron grills or grating, extruded aluminum load-bearing vents or with hardware cloth of 0.035-inch (0.89 mm) wire or heavier. The openings therein shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6.4 mm).

**H304.3 Foundation and exterior wall sealing.** Annular spaces around pipes, electric cables, conduits, or other openings in the walls shall be protected against the passage of rodents by closing such openings with cement mortar, concrete masonry, silicone caulking or noncorrosive metal.



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