CHAPTER 27 PLUMBING FIXTURES

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P2713.1 Bathtub waste outlets and overflows. Bathtubs shall have outlets and overflows at least 1¹/₂ inches (38 mm) in diameter, and the waste outlet shall be equipped with an approved stopper.

REFERNCED SECTION:

SECTION R202 DEFINITIONS

PLUMBING FIXTURE. A receptor or device that requires both a water-supply connection and a discharge to the drainage system, such as water closets, lavatories, bathtubs and sinks. Plumbing appliances as a special class of fixture are further defined.

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Q: In accordance with the provisions of Section P2713.1 of the *International Residential Code*, is a bathtub required to be equipped with an overflow?

A: Yes. An overflow is required to remove displaced water when a bather enters the bathtub or to protect against accidental flooding resulting from an unattended filling operation.