

REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLACING A WATER HEATER

➤ **PERMITS REQUIRED:**

A plumbing permit is required to replace a water heater.

➤ **WATER HEATER REQUIREMENTS:**

- No gas water heater shall be installed in any room used for sleeping purposes, bathroom , clothes closet or other confined space opening to a bath or bedroom. **Exception:** listed direct vent water heaters.
- Water heaters installed in residential garages shall be elevated on platforms so that the flame is a minimum of 18 inches above the floor.
- Water heaters shall be anchored or strapped to resist earthquake forces. Strapping shall be at upper 1/3 of tank and at lower 1/3 of tank a minimum of 4” above the controls.
- Water heaters shall be provided with a combination temperature and pressure relief valve piped to the exterior or other approved location.
- Provide minimum 1 inch clearance from double wall flue and 6 inches clearance from single wall flue to combustibles. (Single wall pipe is not approved for use in an attic.)
- Provide minimum combustion air for water heater when it is located in a confined space (upper and lower vents with a minimum of 100 sq. inches each).
- An expansion tank or other approved device is required to protect the plumbing system from thermal expansion when a pressure regulating valve is part of the plumbing system.
- Refer to the “2007 California Plumbing Code” for specific requirements.

INSPECTION INFORMATION
➤ Call the inspection line (625-5136) prior to 6:00 A.M. for a same day inspection.
➤ Gas pressure test is required when over 6 feet of new piping is added or replace.
➤ Flue or vent inspection is required before covering work.
➤ Final inspection is required when the job is complete.
<i>All work subject to field inspection.</i>