

Online Residential Plumbing Permits

Instructions for Online Residential Plumbing Permits

The following computer capabilities are required to process an online permit:

- A valid email address.
- Printer – required to make copies of your payment receipt, which will act as your permit.

◆ *To pay for your permit you must have a credit card on file with the Town of Ocean City's Finance Department.*

This service is only provided for Maryland Master Plumbers/Gasfitters, Maryland Master Plumbers, Maryland Master Gasfitter or an individual with a Maryland Propane Gasfitter Certification. All of these should be labeled “Insured to Work.”

Online plumbing permits should not require a building permit or plan review. They are stand-alone, residential, plumbing-only permits. **All online plumbing permits require plumbing inspections.**

When an online permit application is received, Town staff will verify that all necessary information has been provided and will review the application for any potential problems. The Town staff will also check for any open permits on the property. The Town staff may determine that additional review or plans are required. If further review, or plans are required, or there are any open permits, the permit will be placed on hold and you will be notified by email or phone of any additional requirements, open permits or fees.

Call 410-524-6763, if you have any questions about the plumbing permit process. If you would like to speak to the Plumbing Inspector, call 410-520-5157.

For information on all other permits, call 410-289-8855.

Plumbing Permits that can be applied for online are:

- Residential replacement of plumbing fixtures (Minimum fee is \$45. Anything over 3 fixtures is \$15 per fixture.)
- Replacement or repair of the water service (\$90)
- Replacement or repair of water distribution system (\$90)
- Replacement or repair of building drain, vents and sewer (\$90)
- Replacement only of fuel gas, residential, water heaters and fuel gas tankless water heaters (\$45)
- Replacement or repair of residential irrigation system (\$90)
- Installation of backflow device (\$90)

Only the permits listed above i.e. residential, plumbing permits, that require no plan review, can be applied for online.

The permits for replacement or repairs of plumbing fixtures in residential buildings are for fixtures that must be the same size and in the same location as the fixture being replaced or repaired. Examples of residential fixtures are kitchen sink, bar sink, laundry sink/tub, water closet (toilet) and tub or shower.

An irrigation permit is required to connect lawn sprinklers to the building supply.

Rearrangement of any portion of the plumbing system or fuel gas piping system requires plan review, and cannot be issued online.

Note: Work performed, outside of the above parameters, is illegal and will result in correction of the illegal work performed, and may result in a citation or penalties or both. Questions? Call 410-524-6763.

All work performed under an online permit is subject to inspection.

Although every effort is made to provide complete and accurate information on this website, users are advised to contact appropriate Town staff before making any project decisions. This may involve contacting more than one section within Planning and Community Development (i.e. Planning, Building, Zoning, Engineering, Plumbing, etc.) since each section governs specific codes or ordinances that may affect your project.

Town of Ocean City Online Plumbing Permit Application

Please read the following carefully:

I understand that online permits will be issued based upon the information I provide at the time of the permit application. I understand that the Town of Ocean City reserves the right to place a hold on such permits and levy additional fees or apply additional conditions, if any material facts are omitted or misrepresented during the online application process.

I understand that online permits can only be obtained for residential plumbing projects.

I understand that the issuance of an online permit does not legitimize work done previously without a valid permit.

I certify that I am a properly registered and insured Master Plumber, "Insured to work," as required by the State of Maryland Board of Plumbing.

I will be responsible for any plumbing activity associated with this online permit.

I will be responsible for all fees associated with this online permit.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to give the required advance notice to the Town of Ocean City Plumbing Inspection Section, when plumbing work is ready for testing and inspection.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Ocean City (Town) from and against any and all claims, demands and actions from damages resulting from operations under any permit using this electronic method of permitting, regardless of negligence of the Town, and to assume the defense of the Town against all such claims, demands and actions.

I certify that I have read this application, and affirm under penalty of perjury, that the above information is correct. I agree to comply with all local ordinances, Town of Ocean City and State of Maryland plumbing regulations and policies for obtaining plumbing permits.

I understand that any changes to this project will void this permit and a new permit will be required with review. No refund of permit fees will be made.