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Alberta Cabinet Approves Plumbing Code

The Alberta Cabinet has approved the adoption of the 2015 National Plumbing Code into Alberta.

The 2015 National Plumbing code will replace the 2010 National Plumbing Code for permits applied for on or after January 1, 2017. All Alberta-specific changes previously included in Alberta regulation have been removed. This means Alberta has now fully adopted the National Plumbing Code without Alberta-specific changes..

Key changes for residential construction are:

- Water reuse is allowed if water quality and operational items such as maintenance, testing and reporting are approved by the local municipality.
- Changes to some fire sprinkler backflow requirements;
- Changes to maximum length of fixture outlets;
- Reduction in water flows for toilets in new construction from 6.0 litres to 4.8 litres, as well as reduction in flow rates for taps and urinals. The toilet water reduction may create some issues of drain line carry for some applications.

Members should ensure they [purchase the 2015 National Plumbing Code](#) and compare this version with the previous Alberta requirements to ensure their installations meet the 2015 National Plumbing Code.

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