



Development Services Department
Building Inspection Division
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Water Conservation Law

NOTICE - EFFECTIVE January 1, 2014

On January 1, 2014 a new State Law goes into effect and applies to **all single family residences built before January 1, 1994**. This legislation requires that water conserving plumbing fixtures be installed throughout the home as a condition of building permits applied for after January 1, 2014.

Additionally, as of January 1, 2017 all residences built prior to January 1, 1994 must comply with these requirements and install these fixtures.

Please note the importance of obtaining building permits is intended for the life safety of loved ones and the neighbors in your community.

In order to implement this new State mandate, the City of Roseville Building Division will verify the Permit Issuance date of the original building permit to construct the dwelling unit and the nature of the new permit application. Homes that were constructed under permits applied for prior to January 1, 1994 and making improvements other than repairs are subject to the new State mandate/law.

As a condition of building permits issued for **home improvements** and **additions and alterations**, the Building Division is charged with verifying compliance with these requirements. Home Improvements and Additions and Alterations are defined as:

Home Improvements – for the purposes of this law are defined as additions, alterations or alter of a single family dwelling. Changes made to a house, that increase its value and that alter the structure of an existing home, include improvements to lawns, gardens, and outdoor structures, such as gazebos and garages and as defined below:

Addition – An extension or increase in floor area or height of a building or structure.

Alteration or Alter – Any construction or renovation to an existing structure other than repair or addition.

Home Repairs – The reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building for the purposes of maintenance is exempt from this law. Specifically, repairs that are exempt from this law are: 1) Electrical Service Change Out 2) HVAC Change Out 3) Re Roof 4) Sewer line or water line replacement 5) Replacement of siding or stucco 6) Site work replacing fences, retaining walls, and flat work repair 7) Water Heater

Replacement 8) Window Replacement 9) Other Repairs as Determined by the Building Official.

Specifically the new State Mandate states that:

- All toilets must use no more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush.
- All showerheads must flow no more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute.
- All interior faucets must emit no more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute.

A final inspection of all permitted projects will be contingent upon verifying the home is in compliance with these requirements. Compliance can be met in one of the following ways.

- 1) The home is a registered historical site in which case it is exempt from the law.
- 2) A licensed plumber certifies that, due to the age or configuration of the property or its plumbing, the installation of water-conserving plumbing fixtures is not technically feasible.
- 3) A building for which water service is permanently disconnected. (i.e. detached garage)
- 4) A visual inspection and verification by the City Building Inspector that all fixtures have been replaced.
- 5) Written certification from the licensed contractor who obtained the building permit that fixtures are in compliance as outlined in the law.

Also be aware that on and after January 1, 2017 all single family homes built prior to January 1, 1994 will need to comply with these requirements as part of a sale or transfer of these homes. There are also requirements for multi-family homes and commercial buildings. The full text of the law can be read at http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=CIV&division=2.&title=4.&part=4.&chapter=2.&article=1.4.

If you have questions or concerns with the content of this notice please contact the Building Division by email at BuildingDivision@roseville.ca.us or by telephone at (916) 774-5332.