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New Plumbing Code Updates Take Effect *Changes represent first updates to the code in 14 years*

Madison - The first updates to Wisconsin plumbing code since 2009 take effect Sunday, October 1.

Wisconsin's Plumbing Code Advisory Committee received input from professional groups to shape these updates, and Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) Secretary-designee, Dan Hereth, joined representatives from several of those professional groups at Plumbers Local 75 in Madison at a recent ceremonial signing of the code, and to celebrate the collaborative effort that led to the updates.

"It's a homegrown code. We own the code here in Wisconsin. It's not a national code, so it takes a lot of collaboration from partners." Hereth said. "I'm proud of the Advisory Committee's work, and it was great to see all of the various stakeholders come together and identify improvements that will benefit everyone in the state."

"Strong uniform plumbing standards protect public health. The recent plumbing code update is a great example of how the private sector and government can, and should, work together. I appreciate Secretary Hereth's leadership, the work of his team, and the efforts made by the Plumbing Code Advisory Committee to move forward this much-needed update to keep Wisconsin regulation in line with best practices and technology," said Steve Breitlow, Business Manager, Plumbers Local 75

The updates can now be found [in state administrative code](#).

The code updates include increased bacterial control options in healthcare facilities, adoption of nationally recognized standards for water reuse, energy efficiency enhancements, and the addition of tankless water heaters.

While the new plumbing code is now in effect, DSPS is offering a brief grace period for related licensing exams. Exams will be administered under the old code throughout October. However, exams will be administered under the updated code starting in November.

There will be no grace period for new plan reviews. Plans submitted to DSPS for review on or after October 1, 2023, will be evaluated under the new code.

Below is a list of exams that will be impacted by the updates to plumbing code:

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractor

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractor-Maintenance
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Tester
- Commercial Plumbing Inspector
- Journeyman Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter
- Journeyman Plumber
- Journeyman Plumber Restricted Appliance
- Journeyman Plumber Restricted Service
- Master Plumber
- Master Plumber Restricted Appliance
- Master Plumber Restricted Service
- POWTS Inspector
- UDC Plumbing Inspector

DSPS is in the process of finalizing training sessions related to the new code.

Questions about the new code can be directed to DSPSSBPlbgTech@Wisconsin.gov.

About DSPS

DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.

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