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## **Water Heater Permits**

### **I was charged by the store (or contractor) for a permit. Why?**

The store (or contractor) checked to see if a permit is required in the city, town or county that you live in. If you were charged for a permit, the jurisdiction in which you live feels that permits are necessary to ensure safety in your home. If you feel that you were charged in error for the permit fee, feel free to contact the building department for the town, city or county where you live (Phone numbers are included in this handout).

### **What does the permit do for me?**

A building inspector will arrive at your home to inspect the installation of the water heater. Ask your contractor when the inspection is to take place, so that you can make the water heater accessible to the building inspector.

### **Who calls for the inspector?**

Typically the contractor, who went to the town, city or county building department to purchase the permit in person with the money you provided. However, sometimes the contractor forgets. You may call the building department to check to see if an inspection was performed. Find out what the permit number is for your water heater from the building department, for your records. If no inspection was performed, you may schedule the inspection yourself, using the permit number. Make sure, regardless of whether you or your contractor scheduled the inspection, that you make the water heater installation accessible to the inspector.

### **Who is responsible for any corrections or violations noted by the inspector?**

The contractor is responsible for making corrections unless you are the installer of the water heater. Typically, inspectors leave a report, sticker, or other form of approval if the water heater has “passed” inspection.

### **What is the inspector looking for? It’s just a water heater!**

Commonly installed water heaters today are gas-fired water heaters. These are required to be provided with combustion air and proper venting to prevent the accumulation of dangerous carbon monoxide. Many jurisdictions require these water heaters to be protected from damage by vehicles if installed in a garage. All must be properly connected to the building plumbing. Electric water heaters require hard-wire connections to properly sized breaker-protected circuits. Pressure/Temperature relief valves are also required. All of these features contribute to the safe installation, operation, and maintenance of water heaters.

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## Building Department Contact Information

<b>Town/City/County</b>	<b>Permit Required?</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<u>Avondale</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$40</u>	<u>623-483-3342</u>
<u>Buckeye</u>			<u>623-386-4691</u>
<u>Carefree</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$41.25</u>	<u>480-488-1471</u>
<u>Cave Creek</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>480-488-1414</u>
<u>Chandler</u>			<u>X</u>
<u>El Mirage</u>			<u>623-972-8116</u>
<u>Fountain Hills</u>			<u>480-816-5111</u> <u>480-816-5163</u>
<u>Gila Bend</u>			<u>X</u>
<u>Gila River</u>	<u>No**</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
<u>Gilbert</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>480-503-6700</u>
<u>Glendale</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$37.22</u>	<u>623-930-2800</u>
<u>Goodyear</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$56</u>	<u>623-932-3004</u>
<u>Litchfield Park</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$35</u>	<u>623-935-1066</u>
<u>Mesa</u>	<u>No*</u>		<u>480-644-4273</u>
<u>Paradise Valley</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$27</u>	<u>480-348-3692</u>
<u>Peoria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>623-773-7225</u>
<u>Queen Creek</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>\$36</u>	<u>480-987-0496</u>
<u>Salt River</u>			<u>X</u>
<u>Scottsdale</u>			<u>480-312-2500</u>

<b><u>Surprise</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$39</b>	<b><u>623-583-1088</u></b>
<b><u>Tempe</u></b>			<b><u>480-350-8341</u></b>
<b><u>Tolleson</u></b>			<b><u>623-936-7111</u></b>
<b><u>Wickenburg</u></b>			<b><u>623-684-5451</u></b>
<b><u>Youngtown</u></b>			<b><u>623-933-8286</u></b>
<b><u>Maricopa County</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b><u>602-506-3301 Downtown</u></b> <b><u>623- 875-1361 Surprise</u></b>

**\* like for like replacements do not require permits in residential construction**

**\*\* inspections are performed free of charge for residents**