



SIU Training – Plumbing Inspections and Permits

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Agenda

- WSSC Water Plumbing Inspections Team
- Permits and Inspections

WSSC Water Plumbing Inspections Team

What We Do

- The Plumbing Inspections team at WSSC Water performs inspections on plumbing and fuel gas installations to ensure compliance with the WSSC Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code.
- Our team conducts roughly 68,000 inspections each year.
- Examples of what we inspect:
 - Fuel gas installations including gas appliance replacements and gas piping systems
 - Water and Sewer installations (New and replacement)
 - Residential, Commercial, and Industrial new construction including the installation of IWMP's
 - Remodeling work
- We conduct investigations and issue enforcement actions against individuals and businesses that violate any provision of the Code.

Who We Are

- We are located in 4 separate Depots: 2 each in Montgomery and Prince George's County.
- Our team is comprised of 23 Plumbing Inspectors, 4 Supervisors, and 2 Managers.
- To be considered for an inspector position at WSSC Water, an individual must be licensed as a Master Plumber and a Master Gasfitter. Achieving these certifications requires many years of field experience and the individual must also pass multiple written examinations.
- We do not utilize 3rd party inspections services. All inspections are conducted by our own inspection team members.

Permits and Inspections

What Are Plumbing and Fuel Gas Permits



There are 2 types of plumbing and fuel gas permits:

- Short-Form Permits – These are permits that are allowed for the replacement, repair, or alteration of existing plumbing and fuel gas systems, fixtures, or appliances requiring only one inspection.
- Long-Form Permits – Required for all new plumbing and fuel gas work requiring one or more inspections and all other work where a short-form permit will not be permitted for the scope of work being performed.

Who Obtains a Plumbing and Fuel Gas Permit?



- A licensed WSSC Water Master Plumber/Master Gasfitter, registered to perform work in the jurisdiction, obtains the proper permit for the scope of work that is being performed.
- Ensure that contractors you employ to work in your facilities are properly licensed to be working in the jurisdiction.
- Individuals contracting plumbing and fuel gas work in Montgomery or Prince George's County must be a WSSC Water licensee and be insured to do so.

When Are Inspections Required?

- Plumbing and fuel gas inspections are required on all permitted work. Some permits may need only one inspection to ensure Code compliance while others may require multiple inspections that are conducted during different phases of a project.
- You may have someone working in your facility performing a scope of work that does not require a permit or inspection. This individual is still required to be properly licensed to do the work.
- We know that there are many facilities that employ their own maintenance personnel, and, unbeknownst to them, they are probably performing work that they are not properly licensed to do.
- There is a limited scope of work that may be performed by individuals that are not licensed.

Contact Information

- Our Inspection Support Agents are available if you have any questions. Please call 301-206-4004 if you need assistance.
- You may access our ePermitting Permit and Licensee Search feature by visiting this link: <https://my.wsscwater.com/PermitsOnWeb/home.faces>
- You may access our Plumbing and Inspections internet page by visiting this link: <https://www.wsscwater.com/work-with-us/plumbing-and-inspections>



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