
Permit Applications FAQ

When is a permit required?

A permit is required in order to establish, construct, extend, renovate, alter or repair a plumbing system or private sewage works; or connect a plumbing system to a communal sewage works or communal waterworks.

This does not apply to:

- repair or replacement of a valve, faucet or fixture;
- repair a leak;
- forcing out a stoppage where no change in the piping is required; or
- installation of a water treatment device, underground sprinklers, or a domestic dishwashing or laundry machine.

How do I apply for a permit?

- Rural permit applications for plumbing or sewage works must be submitted to the Saskatoon Health Region's, Environmental Public Health Department.
- Application forms can be obtained on our website at www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca (search permits).
- Urban permit applications for plumbing and/or sewage works must be taken out at the city or town in where the work is being performed.

Only qualified contractors can apply for an onsite sewage permit. "Qualified" means a person who is recognized by Saskatoon Health Region to have the equipment, experience and capability

necessary to properly install or design a private sewage works.

Rural homeowners may only apply for a plumbing permit if they are not connected to communal water or sewage works and are intending to live in the home.

What happens next?

- Two business days are required to process applications. However, if further information is required, please expect delays.
- You will be contacted by fax, e-mail or phone informing you of the status of your application.
- You will receive a permit number and contact information.
- You will be informed if further information is required to process your application.
- Construction cannot begin until permission to construct has been granted.

When supplying additional information, please include your permit number for tracking purposes.

How do I request an inspection?

Once work has been completed, the permit applicant must arrange to have an inspection done by a Public Health Inspector.

- Provide your permit number and the location when requesting an inspection
- Provide at least two (2) business days notice.

For more information, call the Environmental Public Health Department at (306) 655-4605

