

PEX WATER PIPING



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PEX WATER PIPING (PLASTIC) HOMEOWNER PLUMBING

Homeowners are advised that the Minnesota Plumbing Code only permits cross-linked polyethylene water tubing (PEX) used for potable water supplies to be installed by ***“a factory trained installer in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.”*** There are no exceptions in the Plumbing Code that allow untrained homeowners to install PEX in their own home.

Because PEX water tubing can be purchased at building supply stores, homeowners often opt to use PEX as an alternative to copper without realizing they must be factory trained to install it.

If you wish to use PEX in your home, you have two options:

- 1. Hire a licensed plumber who has completed the necessary training or,**
- 2. Contact the manufacturer of the PEX you plan to use and arrange to take the training course prior to beginning any work.**

Homeowners **can** do all other plumbing work in their home. Licensing regulations permit an owner of a residential dwelling to do work in that dwelling if they own and occupy the dwelling.

Permits are required for plumbing work and must be obtained prior to the start of work.

If you have any questions regarding the Plumbing Code, the permit process, or any other issues related to plumbing installations, please call the Building Department at 763-494-6060.