



Kitchens and Bathrooms

Permit requirements

- A completed building permit application with two copies of a plan drawing showing the proposed work should be submitted to and approved by the City of Mendota Heights before work begins.
- A building permit application is available on line at www.mendota-heights.com or at the Mendota Heights City Hall.
- Separate permits are required for mechanical, plumbing and electrical work.

Permit fees

- The applicant for a permit shall provide an estimated permit valuation at the time of application. This should include the total cost of all construction work, including materials and labor, for which the permit is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment, and permanent systems (1300.0160 Subp. 3).
 Note: Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work do not require a permit (1300.0120 Subp.4 (8)).
- Building permit fees are based on the submitted valuation (1300.0160 Subp. 4).

Kitchens

- Kitchen makeup air shall be supplied when an exhaust system greater than 300 cfm is installed (See Table 501.4.1).

Bathrooms

- Bathtubs and shower floors and walls above bathtubs with installed shower heads shall be finished with a nonabsorbent surface to a height of 6' above the floor (R307.2).
- Glazing in walls within 60" horizontally of a bathtub or shower enclosure where the bottom exposed edge of the glazing is less than 60" vertically above the floor must be safety glazing (R308.4.6).
- Provide a minimum of 1 ½ square feet openable window area in each bathroom or an exhaust fan capable of a minimum of 5 air changes per hour (R303.3).

Additional requirements

- An individual dwelling unit shall be equipped with smoke alarms located as required for new construction when alterations, repairs or additions occur (R314.3.1).
- Insulate exhaust ducts to 3' from the exterior space (R403.2.1).
- Hot water piping shall be insulated to at least an R-3 in all of the following (403.4.2):
 - Piping from a water heater to the kitchen outlets or a distribution manifold
 - Piping that is buried or outside the heated boundary
 - All remaining piping to meet the requirements of the table below.

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| Nominal Pipe Diameter of Largest Diameter Pipe in the Run (inch) | 3/8 | 1/2 | 3/4 | > 3/4 |
| Maximum Run Length (feet) | 30 | 20 | 10 | 5 |

Call the City of Mendota Heights' Department of Building Safety at 651 452 1850 if you have questions, to request a permit or to schedule an inspection (8:00-4:30 M-F).