

Plumbing Licenses

Plumbing in Wisconsin is a highly regulated industry. To become a plumber it takes a number of required hours & years of service or schooling and passing competency exams.

A plumbing license is required to install plumbing in Wisconsin, except when the plumbing work is performed by a property owner inside a one-family dwelling he or she occupies. Also, farmers may install plumbing inside their own buildings.

All exterior plumbing must be done by a licensed plumber and supervised by a Master Plumber. In addition, a Sanitary Permit must be issued prior to any work being done.

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STATE SANITARY PERMIT	
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For Complaint Form:



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Plumbing License Laws & Complaints



What is Plumbing?

All piping, fixtures, equipment, devices, in connection with water supply or distribution systems, wastewater systems, reclaimed water systems, and stormwater use systems.

The construction, connection, installation, service, repair or alteration of any drain or wastewater piping system that connects to the mains or other terminal within the bounds of an easement, including private on-site wastewater treatment systems and stormwater treatment and dispersal systems.

A plumbing and drainage system so designed and vent piping so installed as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement.

This is by no means a complete list of plumbing activities. If in doubt, contact your county agent or the POWTS program field person.

State Law

WI State Statute, Chapter 145.06

No person may engage in or work at plumbing in the state unless licensed to do so by the department. A master plumber may work as a journeyman. No person may act as a plumbing apprentice or pipe layer unless registered with the department.

No person shall install plumbing unless at all times a licensed master plumber is in charge, who shall be responsible for proper installation. Licenses shall be issued only to individuals and no license shall be issued to or in the name of any firm or corporation. No such license shall be transferable. It is unlawful for any licensed master plumber to allow the use of his or her license, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of obtaining local permits for others or to allow the use of his or her license by others to install plumbing work.

Violations & Complaints

Violations of plumbing licensing laws can be expensive. Monetary forfeitures can range from \$100 to \$2,000 per offense depending on the situation. This doesn't include additional fees and penalties if permits were not obtained.

Plumbing without a license or permit not only costs money and time, but it weakens the safeguards that the laws provide.

If you have a complaint about a person plumbing without a license, plumbing outside the authority of their license or regarding any other credential that the department administers, you may file a complaint using an online form. (See QR Code.)

For specific questions about septic systems, see the contact information on the back of this brochure. Otherwise, you may also contact your local agent (typically county zoning dept).