



City of La Puente

Division of Building and Safety

RESIDENTIAL BATHROOM REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Bathroom renovations generally require a Building permit. The following information can be used as a guideline for the bathroom requirements. Bathroom renovations require compliance with the 2007 CBC, CPC, CMC, CEC, and the 2005 California Energy Efficiency Standards (CEES)

ELECTRICAL

- Provide a 20 AMP GFCI electrical outlet within 36" of each bathroom sink basin.
- A minimum of (1) 20 amp circuit is required for bath rooms. Such circuits shall have not other outlets. This circuit may serve more than one bathroom. CEC 210.52d
- A bath exhaust fan w/ back draft damper is required regardless of the presence of a window. Vent to outdoors in an approved duct. Terminate 3' from an opening or property line. CMC 504
- GFCI protect bath plugs and whirlpool tub NEC 210.8

LIGHTING

- No pendant light fixtures in zone 3' away and 8' above bathtub.
- Recessed lighting at tub / shower to be suitable for damp locations, provided with a solid lens and be GFCI protected.
- Bathrooms shall be high efficacy luminaries or controlled by an occupancy sensor certified to comply with sec 119(d) CEES (40 lumens per watt)
- Recessed luminaries installed in an insulated ceiling shall be IC rated (zero clearance) and AT rated (air tight) and shall be sealed and/or gasket between ceiling and housing. For RI occupancies, the recessed fixtures shall be protected to the rating of the separation (1 hour) or be listed for the required protection.

PLUMBING

- Provide tempered glass at tub/shower doors and at windows less than 60" from tub/shower drain
- Shower and Tub/shower control valves shall be pressure balancing / thermostatic per CPC 418.0
- Maximum flow rates:
 - Water Closets = 1.6 GPM
 - Shower Heads = 2.5 GPM
 - Sink Faucets = 2.5 GPM.
- Minimum shower 1024 square inches (30" circle) CPC 411.7
- Site built shower stalls shall comply with CPC 411.8
- Whirlpool bathtubs shall have an accessible panel CPC414.1
- Stall shower door to open out minimum 22" wide opening. CPC 411.6
- Toilet / Bidet minimum 15" from center to wall, 24" clear in front. CPC 407.6
- Maximum 3 water closets on 3" waste line
- Hot water on the left CPC 415
- 12" X 12" minimum access to slip joint tub trap and whirlpool tub motor. CPC 404.2 and 415.1