

Ontario's Building Code Technical Bulletin: Highlights of Amendments to Part 7 of Ontario's 2012 Building Code

Ontario Regulation 88/19, amending Ontario's 2012 Building Code, was filed on May 2, 2019.

This bulletin provides general information on certain amendments that have been made to Part 7 of Division B in the Building Code (Plumbing), including the relevant new or affected sections of the Building Code.

Unless otherwise noted, the in-effect date for the amendments described below is January 1, 2020.

For the full range of changes, code users are advised to consult the official source documents, including:

- The Building Code Act, 1992; and
- The 2012 Building Code (O. Reg. 332/12) as amended, and
- Ontario Regulation 88/19

The above documents are available on the [Government of Ontario's e-laws site](#).

Selection and Installation of Grease Interceptors (7.2.3.2.(3))

A new provision has been added about the selection and installation of grease interceptors which are required to conform to new referenced standards.

Cast Iron Frames and Covers (7.2.6.1.(3))

Cast iron frames and covers for maintenance holes and catch basins are now required to conform to a new referenced standard.

Stainless Steel Related Requirements (7.2.6.10. to 7.2.6.15., 7.3.2.8. and 7.3.4.3.(2))

New requirements have been added for stainless steel pipes and fittings. The new requirements address applicable standards, welding and support of the stainless-steel piping and joints.

Copper Tube Limitation (7.2.7.4.(5))

A new restriction has been introduced for the use of copper tubing below the flood level rim of urinals.

Methods of Mounting and Attaching Water Closets (7.2.10.2.)

Revised provisions now permit alternative methods of mounting and attaching modern water closets.

Spill-resistant Pressure Vacuum Breakers (7.6.2.10.)

A new provision has been added to permit spill-resistant pressure vacuum breakers.

Maximum Flow Rates for Lavatory Water Supply Fittings (Table 7.6.4.1.)

Flow rate requirements have been revised and more efficient water supply fittings for lavatories are now required.

Automatic Shut-off for Lavatory Faucets (7.6.4.1.(3))

A new provision has been added for lavatory faucets located in public washrooms. They are required to be equipped with automatic shut-off when not in use.

Multiple Shower Heads in Public Showering Facilities (7.6.4.1.(5))

A new provision has been added that requires that where multiple shower heads are served by one temperature control, each shower head must be capable of automatically shutting off the flow of water when not in use.