



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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Residential Outdoor Showers, Barbeque Sinks, Outdoor Kitchen Sinks, Pet Washing Areas, etc.

INTRODUCTION

The California Plumbing Code requires that fixtures used to receive or discharge liquid must be connected to the building drainage system. The Code prohibits connection of rain water drainage to the building drainage system. The following guidelines apply to residential outdoor showers, barbeque sinks, outdoor kitchen sinks, pet washing areas, and other dedicated exterior locations where liquid waste is generated

TECHNICAL DETAILS

1. Unenclosed cold water locations with no drain provided:
 - a. These may be allowed to run off into landscaped areas or similar areas where they will not create a nuisance. They cannot drain into streams, water ways or a swimming pool. To be considered a cold water connection there must be one valve with a single cold water connection, and no provision for hot water connection.
2. Locations with hot and cold water or cold water with a drain:
 - a. These will require a drain connected to the building drainage (sanitary) system. The location must be provided with a roof and must be located in a manner that will exclude rain, run off from decks, roofs or other areas from entering into the shower drain.
3. Trap primer: A trap primer is required in these locations.
4. Enclosures: A water location is considered enclosed when it has two or more walls. Walls of enclosed water locations shall be smooth, waterproof, and washable. Where the water location is not enclosed, exterior wall coverings are acceptable for the one shower wall.

REFERENCES

2001 California Plumbing Code Section 304.0 and 306.2
Sonoma County Residential Construction Handbook Section 18

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