



Common questions about installing Wood Stoves and Furnaces

What Permits do I need to install a new wood stove or furnace?

Answer:

- Building Permits are required for the installation of new or replacement heating appliances.
- The city has instituted a *fast track* process for wood stoves and new furnaces.
- If you are adding a chimney to the exterior of your house then a zoning Permit will also be needed. If you are installing a new boiler then your plumber will need to file a work notice with State Plumbing Inspector.

Who may install a new or replacement wood stove or furnace?

Answer:

- The installers of wood stoves and furnaces are not regulated. So this is a case where the buyer may need to check the references of the installer.
- The installation of Wood Boilers requires a licensed plumber be involved if the home is hooked to municipal water or sewer.
- Other types of heaters such as gas or oil fired equipment require that a state certified or licensed individual install the heating equipment.

Who can check and clean a chimney?

Answer:

- The state requires certification of all chimney sweeps.

May the homeowner install wood stoves and furnaces themselves?

Answer:

- Yes a home owner may do their own work in if they chose. This is a valid option if the installation is simple
- Wood boilers will require a licensed plumber be involved.