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Allen County Combined Health District

TO HOMEOWNERS TESTING WATER LINES

A pressure test must be done on all water lines before walls are covered. This is required in the Ohio Plumbing Code, Section 312.5 'Water Supply System Test'.

The following are steps necessary for testing:

1. Plug all openings on waterlines using caps.
2. Shut off all valves.
3. Place a galvanized or black iron nipple 4-5 inches long with a cap on shower, or tub & shower, where shower arm comes out of the wall.
4. Tub spout now must be capped off.
5. Shower & tub valves should be installed.
6. In the event the test does not hold, inspect all solder, crimp, & glue joints with soapy water using a spray bottle. *After all leaks are found, air pressure will hold.*

Testing CPVC piping for waterlines needs to follow manufacturer's recommendations.

Testing copper or PEX piping requires a pressure test not less than the working pressure under which the system is to be used.

If a re-inspection is necessary due to faulty or improper plumbing under Section 2.07, such person shall be charged a \$50.00 re-inspection fee as adopted by the Board of Health.

Plumbing inspectors are in the office between 8:00- 9:00am, 1:00-2:00pm, & 4:00-4:30pm, Monday through Friday.



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