



Memorandum for Plumbing Installations in Montana

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To: All Plumbing Installers and Inspectors:

From: Eric Copeland, Bureau Chief

Due to our climate and the ability for water to be readily available at some jobsites the State of Montana will accept a contrasting primer appropriate for the type of pipe used visible at all piping connections in lieu of the testing of underground and rough plumbing systems by water or air. If a plumber chooses to test the pipe, water or air is an acceptable method, but please keep in mind that the Uniform Plumbing Code does not allow plastic pipe to be tested with air. The testing method used whether it be water or air, or the contrasting primer method is the plumber's decision.

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