

June 2015

WSSC Regulatory Services Group

Master Plumber & Master Gasfitter Newsletter

New Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code:

On **July 1, 2015**, the 2015 WSSC Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code will become effective. Likewise, WSSC has adopted the 2015 versions of the International Plumbing Code (IPC) and the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC).

The 2015 WSSC Plumbing and Fuel Gas code may be downloaded (at no cost) from the WSSC website at: <https://www.wsscwater.com/codebooks>. The new regulations are also now available in print for \$30 at the Permit's counter of the WSSC Headquarters Building.

Copies of the referenced International Plumbing and Fuel Gas Codes can be purchased online at from the ICC Store: www.iccsafe.org; 1-800-786-4452.

WSSC staff has also prepared or updated three additional references for your use:

- 1.) A code transition power point presentation highlighting the most significant code updates.
- 2.) The Code Consistency Guidelines – a living commentary of code interpretations.
- 3.) Safety Alert: Masonry Chimney Restrictions – updated to include provisions for the new water heater efficiency requirements and the inclusion of interior masonry chimneys into the restriction.

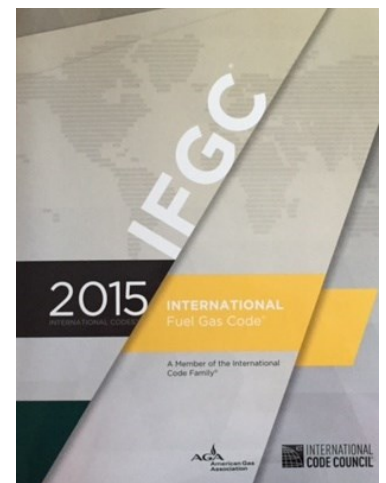
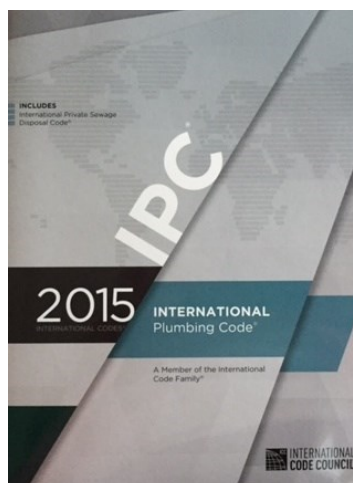
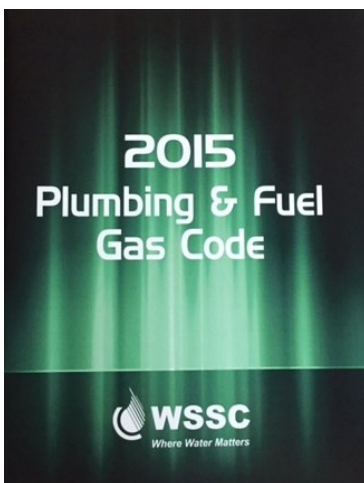
For questions on the above, you may call 301-206-4004 between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

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**WSSC will be
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on
Friday
July 3, 2015**



Application of Effective Date:

(What has to meet the new code provisions and when)

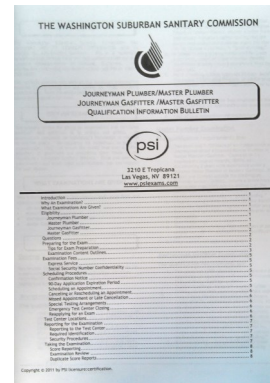
Long form Permit : *Issuance* Date is generally the delineation for applying new code requirements. Exception – Large Scale projects which have made *significant* progress through plans review – will be allowed under “old” code and so noted on the plan. (However, significant health or safety related code issues will not be ignored)

Short Form Permits : If the inspection occurs July 1 or later, in order to qualify under “old” code requirements, the inspector will need proof the installation date occurred June 30 or prior. Installs after July 1 will be honored if contract was signed in June.

In general, all work must be scheduled within 10 business days of installation and the permit purchase must pre-date the installation date. These are code requirements that the licensee is responsible for.

Trade Exams - Transition to New Codes:

The Master and Journeyman, Plumbing and Fuel Gas, exams will switch over to the 2015 WSSC, IPC & IFGC code books on September 1, 2015.



Cross Connection Program Update:

Based on numerous and passionate customer comments, WSSC staff is developing a means to “pre-notify” folks of their impending due dates. In other words, before it comes due. In order for this to be fully realized, we would like to leverage modern technology and not be saddled with more letters and envelopes.

Beginning later this year, on a date that will be announced, we will go live with **email notifications** (of impending due dates). To this end, please begin to provide the email contact information for the backflow manager/owner. Remember; do not input the plumber’s info here.

For now, this effort is voluntary, but highly encouraged. The sooner we get contact information, the sooner we can develop and un-roll this feature. Again, later this year the input of email addresses will become mandatory, we will let you know the date. Please do not wait until then to “train” your clients and staff.

Trade Humor:



Announcement: WSSC's Federal Credit Union has opened it's membership to all WSSC Licensed Masters, Journeymen and Apprentice Plumbers & Gasfitters and WSSC Licensed Sewer & Drain Cleaners.

Contact Us:

- Plan Review..... 301-206-8886
 - CC/Bkflow P.G. Co..... 301-206-8601
 - CC/Bkflow Mont. Co..... 301-206-7932
 - Licensing..... 301-206-8588
 - Schedule Inspection SF Permit..... 301-206-4004
 - Schedule Inspection LF Permit..... 301-206-8383
 - Anacostia Depot..... 301-206-4363
 - Gaithersburg/Seneca Depot..... 301-206-7365
 - Lyttonsville Depot..... 301-206-7340
 - Temple Hills Depot..... 301-206-7302
 - FOG..... 301-206-8575
 - Permits..... 301-206-4003
 - COI Fax..... 301-206-8884
- COIs can also be emailed to:
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