

**TITLE 14        HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION**  
**CHAPTER 8     PLUMBING CODES**  
**PART 2        2012 NEW MEXICO PLUMBING CODE**

**14.8.2.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** Construction Industries Division (CID) of the Regulation and Licensing Department.

[14.8.2.1 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.1 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.2        SCOPE:** This rule applies to all contracting work performed in New Mexico on or after May 1, 2015, that is subject to the jurisdiction of CID, unless performed pursuant to a permit for which an application was received by CID before that date.

[14.8.2.2 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.2 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 60-13-9 and 60-13-44 NMSA 1978.

[14.8.2.3 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.3 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.4        DURATION:** Permanent.

[14.8.2.4 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.4 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 2015, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[14.8.2.5 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.5 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.6        OBJECTIVE:** The purpose of this rule is to establish minimum standards for all plumbing, as defined in Construction Industries Licensing Act (CILA) Section 60-12-32, in New Mexico.

[14.8.2.6 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.6 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.7        DEFINITIONS:** See 14.5.1 NMAC, General Provisions and Chapter 2 of the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) as amended in 14.8.2.10 NMAC.

[14.8.2.7 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.7 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.8        ADOPTION OF THE 2012 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE:**

**A.** This rule adopts by reference the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code and all appendices, as amended by this rule.

**B.** In this rule, the internal numbering of each provision corresponds with the numbering of the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code.

**C.** This rule is to be applied in conjunction with 14.7.6 NMAC, the 2009 New Mexico Energy Conservation Code.

[14.8.2.8 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.8 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.9        CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION:**

**A.        101.0 General.**

(1) **101.1 Title.** Delete this section of the UPC and substitute: This code shall be known as the 2012 New Mexico Plumbing Code (NMPC).

(2) **101.2 Scope.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.8.2.2 NMAC.

(3) **101.3 Purpose.** Delete this section of the UPC except as provided in 14.8.2.6 NMAC.

(4) **101.4 Conflicts between codes.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.1 NMAC.

(5) **101.5 Plans required.** Delete this section of the UPC except as provided in 14.5.2 NMAC.

(6) **101.7 Maintenance.** Delete this section of the UPC.

(7) **101.8 Existing construction.** Delete this section of the UPC.

(8) **101.10 Appendices.** Delete this section of the UPC except in 14.8.2.30 NMAC.

**B.        102.0 Organization and enforcement.**

(1) **102.1 Authority having jurisdiction.** Delete this section of the UPC.

(2) **102.2 Duties and powers of the authority having jurisdiction.**

(a) **102.2.1 Right of entry.** Delete this section of the UPC and see CILA Section 60-13-42.

- (b) **102.2.2 Stop orders.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (c) **102.2.3 Authority to disconnect utilities in emergencies.** Delete this section of the UPC and see CILA Section 60-13-42.
    - (d) **102.2.4 Authority to condemn.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.1 NMAC.
    - (e) **102.2.5 Liability.** Delete this section of the UPC and see CILA Section 60-13-26.
  - (3) **102.3 Board of appeals.** 102.3.1 Limitations of authority.
  - (4) **102.4 Violations.** Delete this section of the UPC and see CILA Section 60-13-1 to -59, and 14.5.3 NMAC.
  - (5) **102.5 Penalties.** Delete this section of the UPC and see CILA Section 60-13-1 to -59, and 14.5.3 NMAC.
  - C. **103.0 Permits and Inspections.**
    - (1) **103.1 Permits required.** Delete this section of the UPC except as provided in 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (2) **103.2 Application for permit.** Delete this section of the UPC except as provided in 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (3) **103.3 Permit issuance.** Delete this section of the UPC except as provided in 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (4) **103.4 Fees.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.5 NMAC.
    - (5) **103.5 Inspections.** Delete this section except as provided in 14.5.3 NMAC.
    - (6) **103.6 Connection approval.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.3 NMAC.
    - (7) **103.7 Unconstitutional.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.1 NMAC.
    - (8) **103.8 Validity.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.1 NMAC.
    - (9) **Table 103.4 Plumbing permit fees.** Delete plumbing permit fees, table 103.4, from the UPC.
- [14.8.2.9 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.9 NMAC, 05/01/15]

- 14.8.2.10 CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.
- A. **203.0 Authority having jurisdiction.** Delete the text of this definition and substitute: The authority having jurisdiction is the construction industries division (CID) and the bureau chief of the mechanical and plumbing bureau of CID.
  - B. **214.0 Listing agency.** See this definition in the UPC and Section 60-13-44 of the CILA.
- [14.8.2.10 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.10 NMAC, 05/01/15]

- 14.8.2.11 CHAPTER 3 GENERAL REGULATIONS:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.
- A. **301.2 Alternate materials and methods of construction equivalency.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.1 NMAC.
  - B. **301.3 Flood hazard areas.** See this section of the UPC.
  - C. **301.4 Alternative engineered design.** See this section of the UPC except as provided below.
    - (1) **301.4.1 Permit application.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (2) **301.4.2 Technical data.** See this section of the UPC.
    - (3) **301.4.3 Design documents.** See this section of the UPC and 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (4) **301.4.4. Design approval.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (5) **301.4.5 Design review.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.2 NMAC.
    - (6) **301.4.6 Inspection and testing.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.5.2 NMAC and 14.5.3 NMAC.
- [14.8.2.11 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.11 NMAC, 05/01/15]

- 14.8.2.12 CHAPTER 4 PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FIXTURE FITTINGS:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.
- A. **402.3.1 Nonwater urinals.** See this section of the UPC and add the following to the end: Nonwater urinals shall be located on the downstream side of a frequently used water-using fixture.
  - B. **406.0 Prohibited fixtures.**
    - (1) **406.1 Prohibited water closets.** See this section of the UPC.

(2) **406.2 Prohibited urinals.** See this section of the UPC.

(3) **406.3 Miscellaneous fixtures.** See this section of the UPC and add the following:

“Where a chemical-dry toilet is installed it shall have a water distribution line and sanitary drain line rough in to the chemical-dry toilet location, unless conditions prohibit the installation, in the event of a retrofit or failure.”

C. **415.0 Drinking fountains.**

(1) **415.2 Where required.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.7.2 NMAC.

D. **421.0 Fixtures and fixture fittings for persons with disabilities.**

(1) **421.1 General.** Delete this section of the UPC.

(2) **421.2 Limitation of hot water temperature for public lavatories.** See this section of the UPC.

E. **422.0 Minimum number of required fixtures.** See this section of the UPC except as provided below.

(1) **422.1 Fixture count.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.7.2 NMAC.

(2) **422.2 Separate facilities.** Delete this section of the UPC.

(3) **422.4 Toilet facilities serving employees and customers.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.7.2 NMAC.

(4) **422.5 Toilet facilities for workers.** Delete this section of the UPC.

F. **Table 422.1 Minimum plumbing facilities.** Delete this table of the UPC.  
[14.8.2.12 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.12 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.13 CHAPTER 5 WATER HEATERS:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.

A. **501.0 General.** See this section of the UPC except delete the following sentence: “The minimum capacity for water heaters shall be in accordance with the first hour rating listed in Table 501.1.”.

B. **507.13 Installation in residential garages.** At the end of the last sentence in Subsection (1) delete the following text: “unless listed as flammable vapor ignition resistant”.

C. **508.3 Access to equipment on roofs. 508.3.1 Access.** See this section of the UPC except after the words “in height” add the following: except those designated as R-3 occupancies.

D. **510.2.19 Chineys and vents.** See this section of the UPC except delete the following language: “Where vents extend outdoors above the roof more than 5 feet (1524 mm) higher than required by Table 509.6.2, and where vents terminate in accordance with Section 509.6.2(1), the outdoor portion of the vent shall be enclosed as required by this section for vents not considered to be exposed to the outdoors or such venting shall be engineered.”

[14.8.2.13 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.13 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.14 [RESERVED]**

[14.8.2.14 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.14 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.15 CHAPTER 6 WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION:** See this chapter of the UPC.

[14.8.2.15 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.15 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.16 CHAPTER 7 SANITARY DRAINAGE PART I - DRAINAGE SYSTEMS:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.

A. **704.0 Fixture connections (drainage). 704.3 Commercial dishwashing machines and sinks.** Delete the text this section of the UPC and substitute with the following: pot sinks, scullery sinks, dishwashing sinks, silverware sinks, commercial dishwashing machines, silverware washing machines, and other similar fixtures shall not be connected directly to the drainage system. Such equipment or fixtures shall be drained by means of indirect waste pipes, as defined in chapter 2 of the UPC, and all wastes drained by them shall discharge through an airgap into an open floor sink or other approved type receptor that is properly connected to the drainage system. Food waste disposal units shall be connected directly to the drainage system. A floor drain shall be provided adjacent to the disposal unit, and the disposal unit shall be connected on the sewer side of the floor drain trap, provided that no other drainage line is connected between the floor drain waste connection and the disposal unit drain. The floor drain shall be trapped and vented as required in this code.

B. **712.1 Media.** See this section of the UPC except add the following text to the end: When testing during weather conditions that could result in damage to piping, adequate provisions shall be made to protect such piping from freezing.

[14.8.2.16 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.16 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.17 CHAPTER 7 SANITARY DRAINAGE PART II - BUILDING SEWERS:** See this chapter of the UPC.

[14.8.2.17 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.17 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.18 CHAPTER 8 INDIRECT WASTES:** See this chapter of the UPC.

[14.8.2.18 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.18 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.19 CHAPTER 9 VENTS:** See this chapter of the UPC.

[14.8.2.19 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.19 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.20 CHAPTER 10 TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS:** See this chapter of the UPC.

[14.8.2.20 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.20 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.21 CHAPTER 11 STORM DRAINAGE:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.

**1101.5 Subsoil drains. 1101.5.1** See this section of the UPC except after the words “Subsoil drains shall be provided” in the first sentence add the following text: “as required by the New Mexico Commercial Building Code (NMCBC), 14.7.2 NMAC”.

[14.8.2.21 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.21 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.22 CHAPTER 12 FUEL PIPING:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below.

**A. 1208.5.2.3 Copper and brass.** Delete this section of the UPC and substitute: Copper and brass pipe shall not be used. Threaded aluminum alloy pipe shall not be used with gases corrosive to such material.

**B. 1208.5.3.2 Copper and brass.** Delete this section of the UPC and substitute: Copper and brass pipe shall not be used.

**C. 1210.11.2 Emergency shutoff valves.** See this section of the UPC except delete the following: “The emergency shutoff valves shall be plainly marked as such and their locations posted as required by the authority having jurisdiction” and replace with the following text: For purposes of isolation and safety, an additional gas shut off shall be installed downstream of the serving supplier gas meter prior to any distribution of gas into the gas piping system.

**D. 1210.15 Electrical bonding and grounding.** Delete this section of the UPC and see 14.10.4 NMAC the New Mexico Electrical Code (NMEC).

**E. 1212.0 Liquefied petroleum gas facilities and piping.** Delete this section of the UPC and substitute the following: Liquefied petroleum gas facilities shall comply with 19.15.40 NMAC, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Standards, and 70-5-1 to -23 NMSA 1978, liquefied and compressed gasses.

**F. 1213.3 Test pressure.** See this section of the UPC except add the following: Exception: An existing gas piping system may be tested at a test pressure equal to one and one-half times their operating pressure of the system, but in no case shall it be tested at less than 3 psi.

[14.8.2.22 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.22 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.23 CHAPTER 13 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS PART I - SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES:** [Reserved]

[14.8.2.23 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.23 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.24 CHAPTER 13 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS PART II - MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS:** See this chapter of the UPC except as provided below: **1319.3** Delete the text of this section of the UPC and replace with the following text: Shutoff valves shall be provided for the connection of future piping, and shall meet the following requirements:

**A.** be locked in a restricted area;

**B.** be locked, closed, and capped;

**C.** be identified in accordance with Section 1323.0 (NFPA 99:5.1.4.10).

[14.8.2.24 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.24 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.25 CHAPTER 14 MANDATORY REFERENCED STANDARDS:** See this chapter of the UPC and add the following referenced standard: ARCSA - American rain catchment systems association.

[14.8.2.25 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.25 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.26 CHAPTER 15 FIRESTOP PROTECTION:** See this chapter of the UPC.  
[14.8.2.26 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.26 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.27 CHAPTER 16 ALTERNATE WATER SOURCES FOR NONPOTABLE APPLICATIONS**  
Delete this chapter of the UPC.  
[14.8.2.27 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.27 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.28 [RESERVED]**  
[14.8.2.28 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.28 NMAC, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.29 CHAPTER 17 NONPOTABLE RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS** Delete this chapter of the UPC.  
[14.8.2.29 NMAC - N, 05/01/15]

**14.8.2.30 APPENDICIES.** See this section of the UPC and add the following to Appendix C.1.3.  
Alternate Plumbing Systems: All alternate plumbing systems must be pre-approved in writing by the authority having jurisdiction. See this section of the UPC and add Chapter 16 Alternate Water Sources for Non Potable Applications.  
[14.8.2.30 NMAC - Rp, 14.8.2.29 NMAC, 05/01/15]

#### **HISTORY OF 14.8.2 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with state records center and archives under:

CIC MB 68-2, 1964 New Mexico Plumbing Code, filed 1-23-68.  
CIC MB 70-8, 1970 Plumbing Code of New Mexico, filed 4-29-70.  
CIC MB 71-4, 1970 Plumbing Code of New Mexico, filed 6-8-71.  
CIC MB 74-9, 1973 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 11-20-74.  
CIC 76-1, 1976 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 5-4-76.  
CIC MB 80-5, 1979 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 4-24-80.  
MB-UPC-82-1, 1982 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 11-4-82.  
MB-UPC-85-1, 1985 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 10-1-85.  
MB-UPC-88-1, 1988 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 12-15-88.  
MB-UPC-91-1, 1991 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 7-28-92.  
CIC MB 68-3, 1966 New Mexico Gas Code, filed 1-23-68.  
CIC MB 70-7, 1970 Natural Gas Code of New Mexico, filed 4-29-70.  
CIC MB 71-3, 1970 Natural Gas Code of New Mexico, filed 6-8-71.  
CIC-74-8, 1973 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 11-20-74.  
CIC 76-4, 1976 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 11-24-76.  
CID MB 80-3, 1979 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 4-23-80.  
MB-UMC-82-1, 1982 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 11-4-82.  
MB-UMC-85-1, 1985 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 10-1-85.  
MB-UMC-88-1, 1988 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 12-15-88.  
MB-UMC-91-1, 1991 Uniform Mechanical Code, filed 7-28-92.  
CIC 77-3, 1976 New Mexico Uniform Solar Energy Code, 2-26-77.  
CID MB-80-6, 1979 Uniform Solar Energy Code, 4-24-80.  
MB-USEC-82-1, 1982 Uniform Solar Energy Code, filed 11-4-82.  
MB-USEC-85-1, 1985 Uniform Solar Energy Code, 12-23-85.  
MB-USEC-88-1, 1988 Uniform Solar Energy Code, 12-15-88.  
MB-USEC-91-1, 1991 Uniform Solar Energy Code, 7-28-92.  
CIC-75-1, 1973 Uniform Swimming Pool Code, Section 1.7, 10-31-75.  
CIC-76-3, 1976 Uniform Swimming Pool Code, 7-27-76.  
CIC MB 80-4, 1979 Uniform Swimming Pool Code, filed 4-23-80.  
MB-USPC-82-1, 1982 Uniform Swimming Pool Code, 11-4-82.  
MB-USPS and HTC-85-1, 1985 Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code, 12-23-85.  
MB-USPS and HTC-88-1; 1988 Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code, 12-15-88.

MB-USPS and HTC-91-1, 1991 Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code, 7-28-92.  
CID-MB-NMP&M 91-1, 1991 New Mexico Plumbing and Mechanical Code, 7-7-92.  
CIC MB 68-2, 1964 New Mexico Plumbing Code, filed 1-23-68.  
CIC MB 70-8, 1970 Plumbing Code of New Mexico, filed 4-29-70.  
CIC MB 71-4, 1970 New Mexico Plumbing Code, filed 6-8-71.  
CIC 74-9, 1973 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 11-20-74.  
CIC 76-1, 1976 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 5-4-76.  
CIC MB 80-5, 1979 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 4-24-80.  
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MB-UPC-85-1, 1985 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 10-1-85.  
MB-UPC-88-1, 1988 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 12-15-88.  
MB-UPC-91-1, 1991 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 7-28-92.

**History of Repealed Material:**

14.8.2 NMAC, 2003 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 5-27-04) repealed 1-7-04.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2006 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 8-16-07) repealed 1-28-11.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2009 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 12-28-10) repealed 6-28-13.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2009 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 5-29-13) repealed 05/01/15.

**Other History:**

CID-MB-NMP&M 91-1, 1991 New Mexico Plumbing and Mechanical Code, (filed 7-7-92), replaced by 14 NMAC 9.2, 1997 New Mexico Plumbing and Mechanical Code, effective 12-31-98.  
14 NMAC 9.2, 1997 New Mexico Plumbing and Mechanical Code (filed 10-30-98) and MB-UPC-91-1, 1991 Uniform Plumbing Code, filed 7-28-92 both replaced by 14.8.2 NMAC, 2003 New Mexico Plumbing Code, effective 7-1-04.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2003 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 5-27-04) replaced by 14.8.2 NMAC, 2006 New Mexico Plumbing Code, effective 1-1-08.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2006 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 8-16-07) replaced by 14.8.2 NMAC, 2009 New Mexico Plumbing Code, effective 1-28-11.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2009 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 12-28-10) replaced by 14.8.2 NMAC, 2009 New Mexico Plumbing Code, effective 6-28-13.  
14.8.2 NMAC, 2009 New Mexico Plumbing Code (filed 5-29-13) replaced by 14.8.2 NMAC, 2012 New Mexico Plumbing Code, effective 05/01/15.