



**CPVC ALLOWED IN CALIFORNIA CODE:
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
We'll work with you to make the
transition easy**

By now just about everyone in the California building industry probably knows that the state's plumbing code officially allows the use of CPVC pipe and fittings – s regardless of soil conditions or water test results. That's great news for contractors eager to escape the skyrocketing costs and corrosion problems associated with copper systems. But there's more you should know.

RESIDENTIAL CODE

Did you know?

The 2007 California Plumbing code (which became effective January 1, 2008) contains a number of important changes relative to the selection of piping material. The big change is that building professionals no longer have to conduct water tests or go through a lengthy approval process before choosing to install either FlowGuard Gold® or Corzan® larger diameter CPVC pipe and fittings for residential or commercial jobs. As with any piping material used, however, there is still a compliance process that must be followed.

Key sections to understand within the revised code include 604.1 Certification of Compliance. This simply states that, for each project (or subdivision), contractors must provide written documentation that they will comply with mandatory flushing procedures and worker safety measures. As part of the worker safety requirement, installers must undergo safety training specific to the installation of CPVC pipe and fittings.

The code also outlines specific product requirements and installation procedures. And there's a section dedicated to product identification that is designed to notify other contractors, as well as facility owners/managers/maintenance personnel, that CPVC has been used.

COMMERCIAL CODE

Is it ok to use CPVC in commercial applications?

Yes, you can use CPVC in both commercial and residential applications based upon the way the state code is written. Each municipality has adopted all the building standards adopted by the Building Standards Commission (BSC). The BSC has adopted chapter 6 on water distribution without amendments as it relates to CPVC as indicated in adoption matrix of the published code. CPVC is, therefore, allowed to be used in commercial applications. However, you cannot use CPVC in occupancies under the authority of the Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHPD), and all residential occupancies under the jurisdiction of the Department of Housing and Community and Development (HCD) are subject to the Specific Conditions outlined in 604.1.1.

**FBC BUILDING SOLUTIONS CAN HELP
MAKE THE TRANSITION EASIER**

Compliance is fast and easy with a little help from your local FBC™ Building Solutions representative. Not only are we available to answer questions, offer installation tips and assist with the overall approval process, but we also provide on-site training that helps you meet the Code's safety training requirement.

As part of the training program, we'll also provide you the necessary caution labels, hang tags to document flushing, training cards and other compliance materials--everything you need to quickly and easily convert to FlowGuard Gold and Corzan CPVC pipe and fittings, the most specified non-metallic piping systems in the country.

Interested in CPVC training?

Schedule your on-site training by calling (216) 447-7393. You could be experiencing the many performance benefits (not to mention the tremendous cost and time savings) of a CPVC plumbing system in no time. No one makes it easier to convert. Call today!

