

City of Newport Beach - Building Department

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PLUMBING CODE POLICY

Effective Date	Subject	Policy No.
August 2, 2001	Pressure and Temperature Relief on Storage Water Heaters	UPC 608.3

This policy applies to existing conditions where a gas storage water heater is installed near the center of a building and not on an exterior wall. When such a situation exists and there is no practical way to install the pressure temperature relief valve to the outside while maintaining gravity flow as required by the 1998 California Plumbing Code, the following method may be used:

Install a Watts #210 (or equal) gas shut off valve in place of the pressure temperature valve on the storage tank and install a pressure only relief valve on the cold water at a hose bibb on the outside of the building. This method is not intended for new construction.

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