

City of Newport Beach - Building Department

PLUMBING CODE POLICY

Effective Date	Subject	Policy No.
November 5, 2002	Outdoor Accessory Beach Showers	UPC 304.0

Section 304.0 of the California Plumbing Code requires all plumbing fixtures to be properly connected to the drainage system of the building. In the case of outdoor accessory showers on residential buildings, an exception to this provision shall be made under the following circumstances:

When the shower is permanently supplied with cold water only and no hot water is piped to the shower location, the shower will be allowed to drain into the existing site area drains without connection to the sanitary sewer.

If the shower is supplied with both hot and cold water, all provisions of this code shall apply including a positive means of preventing rainwater exclusive from the shower pan from entering the shower drain. However, rainwater that falls directly into the shower pan represents an insignificant quantity of water. Therefore, it is allowed to enter the shower pan. All cases where the shower drain is connected to the sanitary sewer shall be provided with a trap primer to preserve the trap seal.

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