

City of Newport Beach - Building Department

BUILDING CODE POLICY

Effective Date	Subject	Policy No.
November 2, 1998 Revised August 26, 2004	Use of Greenboard in Shower Compartments	UBC 2512

This policy has been in use since 1988 and is hereby updated. The test case for installation of greenboard within the City of Newport Beach where tile is directly adhered to the greenboard has apparently failed and is no longer permitted in residential hotels, motels, E and I occupancies. However, greenboard is acceptable as a backing material provided a cement board is applied over the greenboard prior to adhering tile.

Greenboard may be permitted in commercial installations such as B, F, M or S occupancies since it is assumed that a commercial shower will not be used at the same rate of a residential shower. Lath and plaster are the preferred backings for tile in shower compartments.

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