



## Code Update Newsletter

The Public Works and Engineering Department  
Planning and Development Services Division

"Providing information pertaining to the Codes and how they affect you"

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PLUMBING FIXTURES AND PIPING

Effective **January 1, 2014**, the Federal Drinking Water Act requires that all plumbing fixtures, fittings and pipes introduced into commerce be "Lead Free".

This will require all plumbing fixtures, fittings and pipes (regardless of permit application date) installed on or after that date to comply with this standard. This rule will affect all projects, even projects under construction on January 1, 2014.

"Lead Free" as defined by this act, is "not containing more than 0.2 percent lead when used with respect to solder and flux; or not more than a weighted average of 0.25 percent lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures."

To view a copy of the act, please visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-111publ380/pdf/PLAW-111publ380.pdf>.

For questions regarding this provision, please contact Alfred Ortega at 832-394-9279 or [alfred.ortega@houston.tx.gov](mailto:alfred.ortega@houston.tx.gov).

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

### PLAN REVIEW

Commercial- (832) 394-8810

One-Stop - (832) 394-8820 (*Commercial Remodels and Residential*)

### INSPECTIONS

Building - (832) 394-8840

Mechanical - (832) 394-8850

Electrical - (832) 394-8860

Plumbing - (832) 394-8870

Occupancy/Life Safety - (832) 394-8880

Sign Administration - (832) 394-8890

### PERMIT OFFICE

General - (832) 394-8899

Dacoma Office - (713) 686-6224

Kingwood Office - (281) 361-9586

Utility Releases - (832) 394-8847

### OTHER INFORMATION

Customer Assistance & Code Development Office- (832) 394-9035

Automated Inspection Request Line - (713) 222-9922

Other City Departments- Dial 311

### **For Additional Permit Information:**

You may obtain information about permits by visiting our website at [www.houstonpermits.com](http://www.houstonpermits.com). You will then be linked to our database of sold permits. If you have questions about any of these permits, please contact our Code Enforcement Group at (832) 394-9494.

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<http://www.houston.tx.gov> or dial 311

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