



Mecosta Township Mechanical Guidelines

Before you start make sure you have the proper permits. A homeowner may do his own work, in a single-family dwelling, in which he owns and is living in or about to occupy. Any other type of work including rentals, small in-home commercial, such as a beauty shop, must be done by a licensed mechanic. A contractor cannot use the homeowners permit. They must get their own permit.

We are enforcing the 2015 Residential Michigan Mechanical Code

1. All gas lines must be air tested by the permit holder and witnessed by another party. Both permit holder and the witness will sign an affidavit of the test that includes the date and minimum test pressure.
2. All mechanical equipment must be installed according to the manufacture's recommendations. This is extremely important on furnaces, wood stoves, and any heating, cooling or ventilation systems.
3. Combustion air is required for most heating systems.
4. Make up air is required for most warm air systems.
5. Bathroom exhaust vents are required in all bathrooms that do not have windows that are a minimum of three SQ. FT. of which one half must be operable and must be ducked to the outdoors. Proper material must be used. Plastic is not allowed. Duct must be installed.
6. Boilers can only be installed by a licensed boiler installer.
7. Mechanical permits are required for any work, regarding heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. The only exceptions are a homeowner, who may perform a mechanical installation in a single-family dwelling, in which he owns and is living in or about to occupy.
8. You must call for inspection, before any work is covered up.
9. Also, you must call for a final inspection before you occupy the building.
10. All chimneys must extend at least 3' above the roof, and it must be 2' higher than any part of the structure within 10' of the chimney.
11. service gas valves are required to be accessible and outside of the heating unit. Drip legs are also required. Gas valves must be tested.
12. Any fuel fired equipment must be vented to the outdoors, ventless heaters are not allowed to be installed as the only heat source and must be installed with the proper amount of combustion air.
13. It is the permit holder's responsibility to make arrangements for the inspector to enter the building. Locked homes or missed appointments can mean an extra charge.
14. Gas fired equipment is not allowed in bedrooms or closets.

If you have any code question or would like to schedule an inspection, please contact Mecosta Township at 231-796-8935 ext. 1.