



City of Santa Monica  
Building and Safety Division

**Copper Water Line Repipe Checklist**

**This is to be used as a general checklist; it is not inclusive of all code requirements and inspection criteria.**  
**Per California Plumbing Code (CPC)**

- Copper water service piping is at least 12" below finished grade. [CPC 609.1]
- Backfill for plumbing trenches is clean earth or sand. [CPC 315.4]
- Verify cold water bond is reconnected (at water service) and all interior metal piping systems are bonded. [CEC 250.104]
- Pressure regulator is required when water pressure exceeds 80 pounds. [CPC 608.2]
- Burred ends of all pipe and tubing are reamed to the full bore. [CPC 310.3]
- No building water service pipe is less than ¾ inch in diameter. [CPC 610.8]
- Copper tubing for water service piping has a weight of not less than Type L. [CPC 604.2].
- A full way valve controlling all outlets is installed on the discharge side of each water meter and on each unmetered water supply. All valves shall be accessible at all times. Each building on lot requires separate fullway valve. [CPC 605.2]
- In multiunit buildings, one (1) or more shutoff valve is provided for each dwelling unit to shut off water without stopping water to other dwelling units. [CPC 605.3]
- The water supply system shall be tested under the working pressure which is to be used, without leaking for a period of not less than fifteen minutes. [CPC 609.4]
- Piping run through framing members to within (1) inch of the exposed framing is protected by steel nail plates not less than 18 gauge, not less than 1 1/2" beyond the outside diameter of the pipe. [CPC 313.9].
- Penetration of fire-resistive walls and horizontal assemblies complies with CPC 313.7 and CBC 713.
- All pipes subject to undue corrosion, erosion or mechanical damage is protected in an approved manner. [CPC 313.4]
- Any structural member weakened or impaired by cutting, notching, or otherwise has been reinforced, repaired or replaced so as to be left in a structural condition in accordance with the requirements of the California Building Code. [CPC 313.11]
- Hangers and Supports: Suspended piping is supported at intervals not to exceed those shown in Table 3-2 of CPC. Hangers and anchors are of sufficient strength to support the weight of the pipe and its contents.
- Hose bibs are protected by non-removable hose bib type backflow preventer. (Anti-siphon device on hose bib). [CPC 603.4.7]
- Addition, alteration or repair to Group R occupancies: When the valuation of an alteration, or repair to a Group R exceeds \$1000 and a permit is required, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in accordance with California Building Code 907 and 420 respectively.
- All hot water piping to be insulated [SMMC 8.108.040 (c)] R6, R8 for pipe >2"
- Water heater braced per minimum State standard.