

# Exhaust Fans



## Residential Permit Requirements



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Permits are required for the installation of exhaust fans. Plans are generally not required for an exhaust fan installed in single-family dwelling unless the inspector determines that they are necessary. Some of the types of exhaust fans commonly installed in a residence are, bathroom exhaust fan, kitchen exhaust fan, laundry room exhaust fan, and attic exhaust fans.

- Exhaust fans must be listed and labeled by an approved testing agency, such as Underwriter's Laboratory (UL).
- All equipment shall be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions and must meet all building code requirements.
- All exhaust fans must be equipped with a back-draft damper.
- Exhaust fans must be ducted to the outside by means of ducts that comply with the provisions of the Mechanical Code.
- The exhaust duct shall discharge at least three feet from any opening that allows air entry into the building, three feet from property lines, and ten feet from forced air intakes. The exhaust duct system is not allowed to discharge in the attic or the underfloor space.
- Kitchen exhaust duct shall be metal and have a smooth interior surface, flex duct is not allowed.
- Bath exhaust to be separately switched from light.