

**2011 Oregon Plumbing Code Adoption
and Amendment Process**

The Oregon Building Codes Division, in consultation with the Oregon State Plumbing Board (“Board”), establishes the timeline for the plumbing code adoption and amendment process.

The current plumbing code in Oregon is the 2008 edition of the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (“OPSC”), which is based on the 2009 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (“UPC”) with Oregon amendments. The division proposes to update the OPSC with the recently published 2009 UPC. The UPC will likely be adopted with Oregon amendments, becoming the 2011 OPSC.

Timetable:

The division, in consultation with the board, has established March 10, 2010 through April 26, 2010 as the timetable for accepting proposed code amendments. No proposals from interested parties will be accepted after April 26, 2010. Any interested person may propose to:

- Add an amendment to the proposed base model code;
- Make recommendations to incorporate statewide code interpretations and alternate method rulings into the code, or to carry these forward to the newly adopted code; or,
- Propose other code or construction standards.

Proposal process:

All proposals must be submitted to the division in writing. The division has provided a form that includes the code amendment proposal criteria; the form is available at:

<http://bcd.oregon.gov/pdf/2652.pdf>

Completed code change proposals may be sent via email to Dana.C.Fischer@state.or.us or sent to: Building Codes Division, Attn: Dana Fischer, P.O. Box 14470, Salem, OR 97309-0404.

New proposals, as well as all current Oregon amendments, will be reviewed by the Plumbing Code Change Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the board concerning the adoption of proposed amendments and the revision or carrying forward, of current amendments. The committee meetings will be scheduled for late spring 2010 and will likely continue through July 2010.

The 2011 OPSC is scheduled to be effective April 1, 2011.

The code adoption and amendment administrative rules are recorded in [Division 008](#), available through the “Statutes and Rules” link on BCD’s Web site: <http://bcd.oregon.gov>.

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