



WATER HEATER AND WATER SOFTENER REPLACEMENT INSPECTION PROCESS (COVID-19 Response updated 10/28/2020)

Water heater/softener replacement permits within existing occupied dwellings will be inspected via photos. When photos are accepted in lieu of site inspection the images must be clear, able to zoom in without distortion, and include visibility of all required items as listed below.

Photos (JPEG,PDF) related to replacement inspection types listed below should be emailed to Lakevilleinspections@lakevillemn.gov. Note: Images must be reduced to fit within 1 email not to exceed 10MB.

- Please include the site address and permit number in the subject line of the email.
- Include photos that show all required items listed below.
- Please be aware that if in the opinion of the Inspector the photos are not clear or lacking the minimum detail listed below, the inspection will not be approved.

Items required to be visible within the photos for replacement of Water Heater

- Hot and cold-water piping connections to water heater.
- Vent piping Interior and exterior termination. (White or Black PVC, or metal venting from water heater through roof or side of house.)
- Gas Piping connections and supports. (Connection both at the water heater and connection to gas pipe system where it connects to other gas lines.)
- All sides of appliance, including energy efficiency label and make/model
- Sample photos:



Water heater front view



Water heater gas piping

Items required to be visible within the photos for replacement of Water Softener

- Water supply connections. (Arrows at connection points show proper direction of water flow.)
- Drain hose connections and air gap. (Air gap will be at end of drain hose at floor drain.)
- All sides of Appliance – include make/model



Softener front view



Softener connections

We appreciate and thank you for helping prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Separate approval is required for electrical permits by calling Electrical inspector 507-381-1791 between 7-8:30am.

Please contact City of Lakeville Building Inspections department if you have any questions about inspections within occupied dwellings.