



City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Building and Safety Division

## BATHROOM REMODELING REQUIREMENTS

The following is a partial list of code requirements applicable to a bathroom remodel

### ELECTRICAL

- Provide a 20 AMP GFCI electrical outlet within 36" of each sink
- A minimum of (1) 20 AMP circuit is required for bathrooms. Such circuits shall have no other outlets. This circuit may serve more than one bathroom.
- A bathroom exhaust fan is required regardless of the presence of a window.
- GFCI protect outlets for whirlpool tubs.
- No pendant light fixtures in a zone 3' away and 8' above bathtub
- Recessed lighting at tub/shower to be suitable for damp locations, provided with a solid lens.
- Bathroom lighting shall be high efficacy luminaires or controlled by a vacancy (occupancy) sensor.
- Recessed luminaires installed in an insulated ceiling shall be IC rated (zero clearance) and shall be sealed or gasketed between ceiling and housing.

### PLUMBING

- Provide tempered glass at tub/shower doors and at windows less than 60 inches from tub/shower drain.
- Shower and tub/shower control valves shall be pressure balancing/thermostatic.
- Maximum flow rates: Toilets = 1.6 GPM; Shower heads = 2.5 GPM  
Sink faucets = 2.5 GPM
- Minimum shower size is 1024 square inches (30" circle)
- Site built shower stalls shall comply with CPC 411.8
- Whirlpool bathtubs shall have an accessible panel
- Stall shower door to open out with minimum 22" opening.
- Toilet/Bidet minimum 15" from center to wall, 24" clear in front.
- Maximum 3 toilets on 3" waste line
- 12" x 12" min. access to slip joint tub trap and whirlpool tub motor.
- All construction must meet 2010 CRC, CMC, CEC and CPC codes.
- As part of a remodel project hard-wired, interconnected smoke detectors will be required in all bedrooms, adjoining halls and at each floor per the building code. Hard-wired, interconnected carbon monoxide alarms required in hallway or immediate area leading to bedrooms.