



City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Building and Safety Division

KITCHEN REMODELING REQUIREMENTS

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

Electrical

- Two 20 amp circuits to supply countertop receptacles.
- Dishwashers, garbage disposals and other built-in appliances require dedicated circuits (each appliance).
- All receptacles along countertops are required to be GFCI protected, be located no farther than 4' apart and no farther than 2' from edge of counter.
- Islands and peninsulas require at least 1 GFCI protected receptacle.
- At least 50% of the total wattage in the kitchen must be high efficacy.
- Low efficacy fixtures may be installed but are not to exceed 50% of total wattage in kitchen and must be separately switched.

Plumbing

- Every gas appliance is required to have an accessible shutoff valve in the same room within 3' of the appliance.
- If adding or moving a gas line it will require a pressure test with an approved gauge.
- The connection between a dishwasher and garbage disposal or drain must have an air gap fitting installed above the flood rim of the sink.

Mechanical

- A minimum vertical clearance of 30" is required above a cook top to combustible materials. The minimum clearance may be reduced to 24" when protected by exhaust hood.
- The exhaust duct must terminate 3' from any building opening or property line.
- Exhaust duct must be metal and have smooth interior surfaces. (No flexible duct allowed.)

Building

- If there is a door in the kitchen going to the garage it must be self closing, solid core 1 3/8" or 20 minute fire rated and must seal on all four edges.
- 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.
- All construction must meet 2010 CRC, CMC, CEC and CPC codes.

