



# Development Services Department Building Division

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## Residential Bathroom Remodels

### Purpose

This checklist applies to residential bathroom remodeling projects for single-family dwellings and should only be used as a general reference guide.

### Permits Required

If your project involves the removal and replacement (in kind) of electrical or plumbing fixtures, project plans are not required and the following items shall be subject to field verification and approval. Completion of a permit application listing the scope of work may be handled over the counter.

If the scope of work includes the reconfiguration of the bathroom layout, please bring **three (3)** sets of plans (minimum 11-in x 17-in drawings) depicting the existing and proposed bathroom floor plan and a written detailed description of the scope of work. It is important the plans clearly show all work proposed to avoid delays in permit issuance. Once a permit is issued, the scope of work is limited as defined and illustrated in the documents filed and the items to be replaced in the checklist below. See sample (figure 1) on next page. The applicant is responsible for compliance with all code regulations. If the scope of work is altered after permit issuance, the applicant shall request the permit be updated.

If the scope of work involves modifications to the structural system - removal of wall to accommodate an enlarged wall opening - a complete in-house plan review will be required. Please see the Residential Remodel / Addition handout for more specific submittal information.

Basic Code Requirements (2019 CRC, CPC, CMC, CEC, CalGreen, Title 24 Energy)

- Shower compartments and walls above bathtubs shall be finished with a smooth, nonabsorbent surface a minimum of 6-ft above the floor. (CRC R307.2)  
*Note: The City of Rohnert Park does not permit greenboard under thinset tile applications. The backing material shall be a cementitious material or gypsum board approved for this installation.*
- No toilet or bidet fixture shall be closer than 15 in. from its center to a side obstruction with a minimum side to side width of 30 in. clear space extending 24 in. to the front. (CPC 402.5)

Safety glazing shall be required on windows where the bottom exposed edge of the glazing is less than 5-ft above measured vertically above any standing or walking surface. (CRC R308.4.2)

Non-safety glazing is permitted on glazing that is more than 5-ft, measured horizontally and in a straight line from the water's edge of a bathtub or spa. (CRC R308.4.5)

- Provide mechanical ventilation system (exhaust fan) controlled by a humidity control. (CalGreen 4.506.1, CRC R303.3.1, CMC 402.5)

*Note: Ventilation rates are not specified in the CRC and CMC, therefore as a policy, the ventilation system must have exhaust rates of 50 cfm intermittent and 20 cfm continuous.*

Point of exhaust vent shall be at least 3-ft from a property line or openings into the building such as doors, windows, opening skylights, attic vents. 10-ft from a forced air inlet. (CMC 502.2.1)

- At least one 120 Volt 20-amp branch circuit to supply the bathroom receptacle outlet(s). This circuit cannot supply any other outlet, lights, fans, etc. (CEC Art 210.11 (C)(3))  
A 20-amp circuit supplying a single bathroom is permitted to have outlets for other equipment within the same bathroom be on this circuit.

*Note: The circuit is not required to be upgraded if the sheetrock is not removed and infeasibility can be verified.*

- All bathroom receptacles shall be GFCI protected. (CEC Art 210.8(A)(1))
- In new or remodeled bathrooms at least one GFCI receptacle to be installed within 3-ft of the outside edge of each basin and on the wall that is adjacent to the basin location or on side or face of basin cabinet. (CEC Art 210.52(D))
- Provide at least one high-efficacy luminaire (fluorescent/LED) in each bathroom, with a wall mounted light switch outlet, controlled by a vacancy sensor. (CEC Art 210.70(A)(1), CA Energy Standards 150(k)2.J.)
- Listed tamper-resistant receptacles required for all new 125 volt, 15 and 20 amp outlets. (CEC Art 406.12)
- The following is prohibited: (CEC Art 410.10 (D), CEC Art 406.9 (C))
  - Cord-connected fixtures, lighting tracks, or ceiling-suspended (paddle) fans within 3-ft horizontally and 8-ft vertically from the top of tub or shower dam.

- Receptacles within, or directly above, a bathtub or shower stall, even if enclosed in a weatherproof enclosure.

- Light fixtures in tub/shower enclosure shall be marked "suitable for damp locations" or marked for "wet locations" where subject to shower spray. (CEC Art 410.10 (D))
- Maximum 1.28 gallons per flush for toilet fixtures. (CPC 411.2)
- Shower compartments must have a finished interior area of not less than 1,024 in<sup>2</sup> which shall facilitate the minimum diameter of a 30-in circle, and have minimum 22-in hinged doors to swing out. (CPC 408.5 & 6)

*Exception: The minimum required area and dimensions shall not apply where an existing bathtub is replaced by a shower receptor having overall dimensions of not less than 30-in in width and 60-in in length.*

- Pressure balanced or thermostatic mixing valves are required for shower and tub-shower combination plumbing installations. (CPC 408.3)

*Note: Required when surround of tub/shower is removed or if valve is replaced.*

#### Additional Requirements

- Existing electrical service panel manufacturer must be indicated on plan submittal
- Installation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. (CRC R314.2/R314.3 and R315.2/R315.3)
- Installation of water-conserving plumbing fixtures throughout the building (toilets, urinals, showerheads, lavatory and kitchen faucets). (SB 407, CalGreen Sec 4.303.1)

*Note: Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are required to be installed prior to the frame inspection.*

### BATHROOM REMODEL ILLUSTRATION

**SCOPE OF WORK:** Bathroom layout will remain the same. Work includes removal and replacement of plumbing appliances, new flooring and light fixtures.

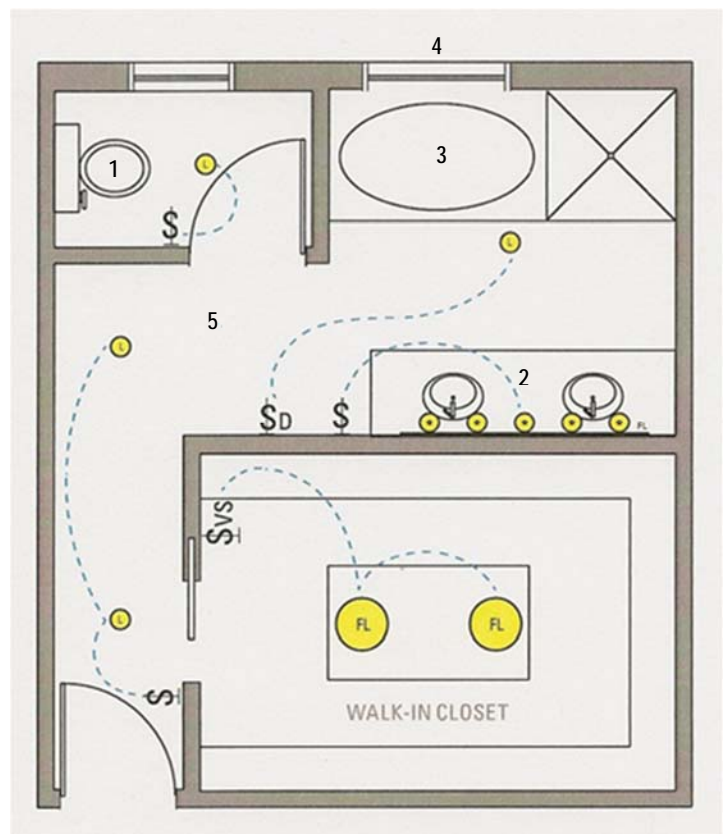
#### FLOOR PLAN KEYNOTES:

1. Toilet replacement
2. Double sink replacement
3. Tub and shower enclosure surround replacement – tempered glazing
4. No changes to existing windows
5. New tile flooring

#### ELECTRICAL LEGEND:

##### Luminaire Type / Schedule Notes

- New 5-light decorative CFL bath bar fixture over mirror.
- New recessed down-light LED fixtures above toilet and general areas.
- New fluorescent surface-mounted fixtures above closet with vacancy sensor switch.



**Figure 1**