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Fuel Gas Line Test Procedures 2016 CPC, Section 1213.3

A gas piping pressure test is required when a new line is installed, an existing line is altered or when a gas meter has been removed or disconnected for a period of six (6) months or longer. Regarding new work, the new piping needs to be put under a pressure test. When the meter has been removed or disconnected, PG&E requires that the entire system be tested. A permit is required for either type of inspection. PG&E will be contacted upon a successful inspection. The owner of the property is also required to contact PG&E upon completion of the test.

PROCEDURE

- Obtain a plumbing permit.
- An air test requires that a minimum pressure of ten (10) psi be held for not less than fifteen (15) minutes.
- The applicant provides the gauge with a needle valve. A bicycle pump is commonly utilized to pressurize the line. The test shall be performed with gauges of 1psi incrementation or less.
- For the testing of a complete piping system it may be best to cap off all outlets (water heater, range, dryer, etc.) before pressurizing the system.
- Carefully search out and repair any and all leaks before requesting an inspection.
- Inspection requests can be made by calling 925-252-4907. This is a 24-hour voicemail; please call this number ONE DAY before you would like your inspection. When calling for an inspection provide the permit number, the address, whether you prefer an AM or PM inspection and the type of inspection needed.
- Inspections occur Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Morning inspections are done between 8:30-12:00 sm. Afternoon inspections are done between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. We do our best to provide you with the tightest inspection window as possible. You will not receive a confirming phone call. If you would like to confirm your inspection and speak to the assigned inspector please call 925-252-4910 between 8:30 and 9:00 the day of the inspection.