

## CONSTRUCTION HEAT REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction heat gas releases may be done at the discretion of the plumbing inspector during cold weather months if the following criteria are met:

- A [construction heat](#) inspection is called in under the correct plumbing permit.
- The gas is tested with a diaphragm gauge. (3lb test on a 5lb gauge for low pressure or a 7lb test on a 10lb gauge for intermediate pressure)
- The house is dried-in and sheet rocked. (no gas releases will be done while the home is in framing stage)
- The hvac system has a thermostat and air filter installed at the time of inspection. (temporary thermostat is acceptable)
- The furnace is vented to the exterior, the gas connection is made with the gas hard piped out of the furnace shell, an approved flexible gas connector is installed (if applicable), and an approved gas stop is installed.
- Approved combustion air is provided to the furnace.
- If a water heater is installed it must also be properly vented and a T&P valve must be installed.

If the gas test fails or all of the other criteria are not met a \$75 reinspect fee will be assessed after the second failed inspection.

This procedure is intended to help the construction process during times when cold temperatures may hinder the ability to finish the project in a timely manner. When temperatures are warmer construction heat will not be granted.

All other inspections including plumbing finals and mechanical finals will still be required after construction heat is granted. Any houses that become occupied before all other inspections are completed and approved, or the chronic, repeated inability to meet the criteria for construction heat may affect your ability to request construction heat on future projects.