COMMERCIAL DISHWASHER: Applying for a Permit from DCRA

If you are interested in applying for a Ditch the Disposables grant to obtain a new commercial dishwasher for your food-serving establishment, you will first need to apply for and receive the correct permit from the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

- **All plumbing permits must be obtained by a District-licensed master plumber**
  - You may search for licensed professionals here: [https://dcra.dc.gov/professional-licensing](https://dcra.dc.gov/professional-licensing)
  - DCRA has a contractor rating system for licensed professionals that applicants can search: [https://dcra.dc.gov/release/hire-contractors-confidence-using-new-dcra-contractor-rating-system](https://dcra.dc.gov/release/hire-contractors-confidence-using-new-dcra-contractor-rating-system)

- **If your property is historic AND the commercial dishwasher is the only plumbing fixture being installed AND NO OTHER WORK is taking place:** you would apply for a Plumbing Permit
  - This is a fully online application available here: [https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1424071](https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1424071)
  - The permit is issued immediately upon payment and requires no review
  - Fees for all permit types can be found here: [https://dcra.dc.gov/page/building-permit-fee-schedule](https://dcra.dc.gov/page/building-permit-fee-schedule)
  - In most cases, only a Plumbing Permit is required for a commercial dishwasher; an Electrical Permit may be required if any electrical work is needed

- **If the property is non-historic AND the commercial dishwasher is the only plumbing fixture being installed AND NO OTHER WORK is taking place:** you may use the Postcard Permit option, which allows for installation of one new plumbing fixture
  - More information and the application link can be found here: [https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1423966](https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1423966)

- **If there is any renovation or construction work involved in your commercial dishwasher installation:** a Building Permit is required which you can apply for here: [https://aca20.dcra.dc.gov/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx?culture=en-US](https://aca20.dcra.dc.gov/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx?culture=en-US)
  - A Building Permit requires formal review and must include documentation from a properly licensed master trades professional
  - Commercial dishwasher installations that require a Building Permit risk not being approved and completed by the end of the project period on September 30, 2022

You may contact [dcra.permits@dc.gov](mailto:dcra.permits@dc.gov) if you have any questions about the permitting process.