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).

- For any installations or replacement dishwashers, a plumbing permit is required
- 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
  - 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

- 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
  - 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
  - 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

- 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
  - 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 if you have any questions about the permitting process