

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