

FIREPLACE CONVERSION

Converting Masonry Fireplace to Gas

Before installing a gas fireplace, read the manufacturer's instructions and check with a City building inspector. Any installation of a gas fireplace into an existing masonry fireplace must comply with the State Mechanical Code for gas appliance.

Permit Requirements

- A [Mechanical Permit](#) is required if you are converting a fireplace from wood to gas, or installing a new gas fireplace.
- Installation instructions must be posted on-site.

Required Inspections

- Gas line air test
- Rough-in
- Final

Other inspections may be required by the Building Inspector to assure code compliance

Installation Requirements

All of the following requirements may not apply to the conversion of a manufactured fireplace/chimney. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions and check with the City building inspector.

- The gas shut-off valve shall be a listed AGA device and must be installed outside of the firebox but within 3 feet of the firebox. It shall be located in the same room as the fireplace.*
- All new gas lines must be pressure-tested for 24 hours at a minimum of 25 PSIG (pounds per square inch gauge).
- When gas lines pass through masonry walls, the line must be protected by a sleeve.
- The existing damper must be removed or welded open.
- The glass cover shall be sealed closed and openable with special tools only.*
- Combustion air shall be provided.*
- A mechanical permit is required.*
- Rough-in and final inspections are required. Installation instructions must be posted on site.*

** Applies to gas fireplace installation*

For more information about gas fireplaces and conversions, or to get a permit cost estimate for a furnace or fireplace, call Inspections at 763-593-8090.

THREE INSPECTION MUSTS

1. **Post** the inspection report card on the job site until the final inspection is completed.
2. **Notify** Inspections when each phase is ready for inspection.

3. **Schedule** a final inspection at least 24 hours in advance (please have your permit number available).

You can reach the Inspections Department between 8 am and 4:30 pm at 763-593-8090.