

Regarding PVC - Most Commonly Asked Questions

PVC uses and locations allowed in Massachusetts.

Most commonly asked questions.

Can I install PVC as a Building Drain and have a branch to a C.I. Stack that will be used for Commercial Use?

"NO"

In a residential building can I run a full Cast Iron stack from the Building Drain, and at every branch use PVC?

"YES"

If I have a 15 story building can I install C.I. up to the 5th floor and transition to PVC through the next 10 floors?

"NO"

Can I run PVC through a commercial space in a fire rated partition?

"YES"

Can I use PVC on Storm Water DWV system in a residential building above 10 stories?

"NO"

When a building changes its Zoning and has an existing system of PVC installed, and the new occupancy will have some commercial and residential, what do I do?

"REQUEST A VARIANCE"

Can I transition from a C.I. stack to PVC after passing through an exposed area in a commercial space?

"YES"

Do I need expansion joints in my layout of the PVC DWV system?

"YES"

Can I use PVC on a urinal waste?

"YES"
(Residential Only)

Can I run the building drain after the last commercial stack in PVC?

"YES"

Can I use a combination cleaner and PVC cement when installing a PVC piping system?

"NO"
(Not Board Approved)

In a partial commercial building, can I extend a Vent Stack on a roof using PVC to add a roof garden?

"NO"

Can I use PVC in a residential project which is 8 stories in height, with 3 floors of garage?

"MAYBE"

"NO"

If the Building Permit indicates the building is 11 stories.

"YES"

If the Building Permit indicates the building is 8 stories

Can I use a No-Hub coupling to join my PVC piping in lieu of Solvent Welding?

"NO"
(exception – Yes when used as a transition fitting.)