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## Flow Chart: Water Vending Machine Program: Steps for Approval of Water Vending Machine (WVM)

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*Massachusetts Board Of State Examiners Of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Review And Approval (Plumbing Board)*

An approval from the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters (Plumbing Board) is required for all new models of water vending machines directly connected to a public water system (PWS).

Note: NO approval from the Plumbing Board is required when the WVM is NOT directly connected to a PWS.

**Requirements**

- For WVM directly connected to a public water system (PWS) a non-testable backflow prevention device is required.
- A \$75.00 fee for up to 10 models per application is required.

*MassDEP Review and Approval*

**Requirements for Review**

- The applicant must submit a complete package with a description of the new technology as well as any technical supporting data pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the WVM.
- The fee payment must be made by check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and mail with a completed Transmittal Form for Permit Application

**WVM with Third Party Approval  
(i.e. National Automatic Merchandise Assn. , Water Quality Assn.)**

- An application BRP WS31 (Vending Machines and POU/POE Devices) is required;
- A permit fee of \$240.00 is required

**WVM without Third Party Approval  
(i.e. National Automatic Merchandise Assn. , Water Quality Assn.)**

- An application BRP WS11 (Minor New Technology Approval - No Field Test) is required;
- A permit fee of \$1,845.00 is required

*MassDEP Regional Office Site Approval Process*

For a WVM to be installed the site must first be approved by the respective MassDEP regional office for the city/town where the machine will be located.

**Requirements**

- An application BRP WS30A (Approval to install a WVM at 1 to 9 locations on the same PWS) must be submitted with the respective permit fee of \$240.00 or
- An application BRP WS35A (Approval to install a WVM at 10 or more locations on the same PWS) must be submitted with the respective permit fee of \$1,330.00.
- For WVM connected to a PWS and adding any chemical and/or a reverse osmosis is used, a reduced pressure backflow preventer (RPBP) must be installed on the supply line before the connection with the machine. Plans for the installation of the RPBP must be reviewed and approved by the local water authority prior its installation.

*MassDEP Registration as a Public Water System*

After a site has been approved, the MassDEP regional office that approved the site must register the water vending unit installed as a transient non-community (TNC) public water system.

*Department of Public Health Approval*

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health's Food and Drug Division - Food Protection Program requires a license and prior approval for the installation of a WVM.

For more information contact the DPH/Food Protection Program at 617-983-6700 or go to <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/environmental/foodsafety/wvm-app.pdf>.