

## Water conditioning licensing clarification for single-family homes

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At the request of the Minnesota Plumbing Board, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) is providing guidance about [Minnesota Statutes 326B.50, subd. 3](#) which addresses water conditioning installation, and specifically, what constitutes a water conditioning installation in a single-family residential unit.

DLI interprets that a water conditioning installation within a single-family residential unit includes:

1. Cutting into an existing potable water system that has been installed and completed by a licensed plumber;
2. Connecting water conditioning equipment into the potable water supply;
3. Providing an indirect connection to a waste pipe for waste discharge; and
4. When requested by the homeowner, it may include a water line that bypasses the water conditioning equipment and connect to an existing service outlet.

Additionally, the installation must comply with the Minnesota Plumbing Code, including but not limited to, materials and installation methodology, testing and sterilization of the water conditioning system and plumbing permits are required for indicated work.

### **More information**

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