

Garbage Disposers

Town of Danvers, Massachusetts 01923

Rules and Regulations Requiring Garbage Disposers in Dwellings and Food Preparation Rooms in Sewered Areas of the Town.

The following rules and regulations are enacted under authority granted by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 111, Section 31, 122 and 127 and all other enabling statutes thereof. These Rules and Regulations shall not apply to buildings where sewer is not accessible.

"Remodeled or altered" for the purpose of these regulations shall mean to make such changes to structure as to change its character; i.e., converting a single family residence into a multi-family dwelling; converting a building into a commercial food handling establishment.

Upon publication of these regulations, all new buildings and all buildings remodeled or altered which are designed, equipped and used for storing or sheltering of feed or food stuffs for human consumption, including fruits, vegetables and meats, which are to be sold whether at retail or stores, clubs, hotels, restaurants, schools or other food establishments or at wholesale, or which are prepared at food manufacturing or processing plants, whether such places of business are licensed under the provisions of another Town ordinance or not and all new and remodeled buildings where food for human consumption are prepared, sold, handled, stored or served in any manner whatsoever, shall be equipped with an appropriate type of garbage grinder, properly connected shall be of sufficient size to grind all garbage and food processing wastes produced in such buildings, and shall be suitably located so as to discharge such ground material by flushing it with water through the drain pipes into the sewer; provided, however, that if in operating any business as herein described packaged or canned food are not opened on the premises, a garbage grinder for such canned or packaged food shall not be required.

Where a municipal sewer is available all dwellings constructed or remodeled and all new or remodeled restaurants or other permanent commercial type buildings containing kitchens or food preparation rooms hereafter shall provide and maintain in proper working order an approved mechanically operated grinder for each family unit.

These regulations in themselves shall not be construed to require a person to connect to the public sewer or to install a garbage disposer when simply making a connection to the public sewer.

Such garbage grinder shall be so designed:

1. That it will operate by a switch or with water flowing into the grinder and through the sink drain line.
2. That it shall discharge wastes at a reasonably uniform rate in fluid form which shall flow readily through an approved trap, drain line or soil line in a manner which will prevent clogging or stoppage of drain line.
3. That it shall be of such construction and have such operating characteristics that at least forty percent (40%) of all material discharged from it shall pass at number eight (8) sieve, at least sixty-five percent (65%) shall pass at number three (3) sieve, and one hundred percent (100%) shall pass at one half inch (1/2) sieve.
4. That it shall be self-scouring with no fouling surfaces to cause objectionable odors.
5. That it shall be free from electrical or mechanical hazards.
6. The final decision as to the sufficiency of the designs to meet these requirements shall rest with the Danvers Board of Health.

7. That it shall be connected to the drain in compliance with the provisions of the plumbing and electrical code of the Town of Danvers.

8. That the entire installation shall comply in all particulars with the provisions of the plumbing and electrical code of the Town of Danvers.

9. Each garbage grinder shall have an independent trap.

Separability: So far as the Board of Health may provide each section of these rules and regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of the rules and regulations shall continue in full force.

Penalty: Whoever himself or by his servant or agent or as the servant or agent or any other person or any firm or corporation violate any provision of these rules and regulations, shall be punished as provided by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each and every violation of the provisions of these rules and regulations shall constitute a separate offense.

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