



## Homeowner Gas Permit Rules

Generally, Tennessee law requires all gas work to be performed by licensed, bonded and insured gas contractors and their employees.

Homeowners, within strict limitations, are exempt from gas licensing requirements in order to secure gas permits to install, alter, or replace the homeowner's gas system at the homeowner's principal single-family residence provided:

1. The residence is not a newly-constructed home, a home in the process of being constructed, a manufactured home, a condemned house, a townhouse, a condominium or a fire-damaged residence.
2. Such work is done by the homeowner and/or immediate family, such as parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and children.
3. The residence is owned and presently occupied by the homeowner and all basic utilities (lights, water, sewer) are in service.

The same homeowner(s) may not be issued more than one (1) gas permit in any five-year period at different locations.

When an owner submits a Gas Permit Application, that person must sign an affidavit that they own and occupy the residence and that they personally and physically will perform all of the gas work, including the laying out of such work.

It is illegal for an owner to install gas piping on property that is rented, leased, or occupied by others or to allow unlicensed contractors to perform the work. Homeowners found to be in violation of this ordinance will be issued a Stop Work Order and may have gas service removed from structure until work is re-permitted by a duly licensed gas contractor and has been re-inspected by the city.

All new work must comply with the most recently adopted City of Knoxville and International Fuel Gas Codes. In the event the homeowner's work is found to be unacceptable, the Homeowner Gas Permit shall be voided by the chief gas or field gas inspector.

To apply for a Homeowner Gas Permit, you will need the following:

- A valid driver's license showing your home address
- Complete description of work to be done
- Cash, check or credit card to pay permit fee