
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 1148

The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999

**PART II
REQUIREMENTS**

Notification

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), any person who proposes to instal a water fitting in connection with any of the operations listed in the Table below—

- (a) shall give notice to the water undertaker that he proposes to begin work;
- (b) shall not begin that work without the consent of that undertaker which shall not be withheld unreasonably; and
- (c) shall comply with any conditions to which the undertaker's consent is subject.

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- 1. The erection of a building or other structure, not being a pond or swimming pool.
 - 2. The extension or alteration of a water system on any premises other than a house.
 - 3. A material change of use of any premises.
 - 4. The installation of—
 - (a) a bath having a capacity, as measured to the centre line of overflow, of more than 230 litres;
 - (b) a bidet with an ascending spray or flexible hose;
 - (c) a single shower unit (which may consist of one or more shower heads within a single unit), not being a drench shower installed for reasons of safety or health, connected directly or indirectly to a supply pipe which is of a type specified by the regulator;
 - (d) a pump or booster drawing more than 12 litres per minute, connected directly or indirectly to a supply pipe;
 - (e) a unit which incorporates reverse osmosis;
 - (f) a water treatment unit which produces a waste water discharge or which requires the use of water for regeneration or cleaning;
 - (g) a reduced pressure zone valve assembly or other mechanical device for protection against a fluid which is in fluid category 4 or 5;
 - (h) a garden watering system unless designed to be operated by hand; or
 - (i) any water system laid outside a building and either less than 750mm or more than 1350mm below ground level.

5. The construction of a pond or swimming pool with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres which is designed to be replenished by automatic means and is to be filled with water supplied by a water undertaker.

(2) This regulation does not apply to the installation by an approved contractor of a water fitting falling within paragraph 2, 4(b) or 4(g) in the Table.

(3) The notice required by paragraph (1) shall include or be accompanied by–

- (a) the name and address of the person giving the notice, and (if different) the name and address of the person on whom notice may be served under paragraph (4) below;
- (b) a description of the proposed work or material change of use, and
- (c) particulars of the location of the premises to which the proposal relates, and the use or intended use of those premises;
- (d) except in the case of a fitting falling within paragraph (1)(d)(iii)–(v) or (1)(e) above–
 - (i) a plan of those parts of the premises to which the proposal relates, and
 - (ii) a diagram showing the pipework and fitting to be installed; and
- (e) where the work is to be carried out by an approved contractor, the name of the contractor.

(4) The water undertaker may withhold consent required under paragraph (1), or grant it subject to conditions, by a notice given before the expiry of the period of ten working days commencing with the day on which notice under that paragraph was given.

(5) If no notice is given by the water undertaker within the period mentioned in paragraph (4), the consent required under paragraph (1) shall be deemed to have been granted unconditionally.