Analysis of Changes for the 9th Edition (2026) Florida Building Code

Changes to the Florida Building Code, Plumbing

This *Analysis of Changes for the 9th Edition (2026) Florida Building Code* is intended to provide a comprehensive comparison of the provisions in the 8th *Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Plumbing* (FBCP) and the 9th *Edition (2026) Florida Building Code, Plumbing*. The 8th Edition (2023) FBCP is the base code for the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP. The model code used to update the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP is the *2024 International Plumbing Code* (IPC). However, not all changes in the 2024 IPC are included in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP. As a result of changes from the 2024 IPC and Florida-specific amendments, certain provisions and criteria of the code have changed. This *Analysis* will serve as a useful tool to facilitate the transition to the new code.

This *Analysis* is arranged so that comparable provisions in the two codes can be easily located. The left two columns contain section numbers and a brief overview of the corresponding requirements from the 8th *Edition (2023)* FBCP. The next two columns contain section numbers and a brief overview of the corresponding requirements in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP. The far-right column contains a brief analysis or comment on the differences between the provisions.

This *Analysis* is not intended to replace or interpret the provisions contained in either the 8th *Edition (2023)* or the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP. This information simply points out the differences. The *Analysis* is not designed to be used without the aid of the representative code books, as all the details pertaining to a specific section may or may not be provided. However, this *Analysis* will provide an easy means for identifying differences in the two codes, as well as enabling the user to locate issue specific provisions in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP by means of a numbered section cross reference.

This *Analysis* provides a cross-reference for most of the sections that changed in the 9th *Edition (2026)* FBCP. In some cases, sections were grouped together due to substantial differences. This grouping enables the extent of the differences to be more readily identified.

Notable changes deemed to be the most significant or to have the greatest impact have been highlighted in yellow.

8th Edition (2023) FBCP		9th Edition (2026) FBCP		Analysis
Section	**Requirement**	**Section**	**Requirement**	
Chapter 1: Scope and Administration				
No changes.				
Chapter 2: Definitions				
-	-	202	Definitions: Ambulatory care facility	A new definition of ambulatory care facility has been added and is defined as buildings or portions thereof used to provide medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing or similar care on a less than 24-hour basis to persons who are rendered incapable of self-preservation by the services provided or staff has accepted responsibility for care recipients already incapable.
202	Definitions: Copper alloy	202	Definitions: Copper alloy	The definition of coppery alloy has been revised to clarify that it is a homogenous mixture of two or metals where copper is the primary component.
-	-	202	Definitions: Family or assisted-use bathing room	A new definition of family or assisted-use bathing room has been added to clarify the use of this term and correlate this language across other Florida Building Codes.
-	-	202	Definitions: Family or assisted-use toilet facility	A new definition of family or assisted-use toilet facility has been added to clarify the use of this term and correlate this language across other Florida Building Codes.
202	Definitions: Toilet facility	202	Definitions: Toilet facility	Two new sub-definitions of toilet facility have been added – Multiple-user toilet facility and single-user toilet facility. The terms have been added to distinguish between a toilet facility intended to be used by a single person and one with multiple sets of plumbing fixtures.
Chapter 3: General Regulations				
-	-	305.8	Expansive soil	New criteria have been added that explicitly require protection of piping, fittings, hangers, and supports from expansive soils.
		305.8.1	Non-isolated foundations	
		305.8.2	Isolated foundations	

307.2	Cutting, notching or bored holes	307.2	Cutting, notching and boring in wood framing	The general reference to the Florida Building Code, Building for cutting, notching, and boring have been replaced by specific references for wood framing and cold-formed steel framing.
		307.3	Cutting, and notching in cold-formed steel framing	
310.1	Light and ventilation (washroom and toilet room requirements)	310.1	Light and ventilation (toilet facilities requirements)	The terms “washrooms and toilet rooms” have been changed to “toilet facilities.”
310.3	Interior finish (washroom and toilet room requirements)	310.3	Interior finish (toilet facilities requirements)	The term “toilet rooms” has been changed to “toilet facilities.”
311.1	General (toilet facilities for workers)	311.1	General (toilet facilities for workers)	This section has been revised to add IAPMO/ISO 30500 as an additional option for compliance for construction worker toilet facilities of the nonsewered type.
-	-	312.11	Drainage and vent vacuum test	A new section has been added that provides vacuum testing as an option for consistency with the plumbing provisions of the Florida Building Code, Residential. This alternate test is a means for testing piping systems when the ambient temperatures are below freezing where water cannot be used for the test.
Chapter 4: Fixtures, Faucets and Fixture Fittings				
Table 403.1	Minimum Number of Required Plumbing Fixtures	Table 403.1	Minimum Number of Required Plumbing Fixtures	Minimum plumbing fixtures have been added for the following: • Ambulatory care facilities and outpatient clinics as a new description applicable to the Business classification. • Alcohol and drug centers, congregate care facilities, group homes, halfway houses, social rehabilitation facilities, and foster care facilities as new descriptions applicable to the Institutional classification Minimum plumbing fixtures for hospitals and nursing homes have been separated into individual descriptions.

				Reformatories, detention centers, and correctional centers description has been further sub-divided into cells, congregate living facilities, and employees with minimum plumbing fixtures specified for each description. The requirements for hotels and apartment houses have been revised to clarify that minimum fixtures specified apply to dwelling units or sleeping units.
403.1.1	Fixture calculations	403.1.1	Fixture calculations	In Exception 2, the requirement that each urinal that is provided be located in a stall has been deleted. Privacy requirements for urinals have been relocated to Section 405.3.5.
403.1.2	Single-user toilet and bathing room fixtures	403.1.2	Fixtures in single-user toilet and bathing rooms	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.” The reference to the Florida Building Code, Accessibility has been deleted. New language has been added requiring the number of fixtures in single-user toilets, single-user bathing fixtures and family or assisted-use toilets to be deducted proportionately from the required gender ratios of Table 403.1.
403.2	Separate facilities	403.2	Separate facilities	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.” Privacy requirements for urinals in Exception 6 have been deleted and relocated to Section 2903.1.5.
403.2.1	Family or assisted-use toilet facilities serving as separate facilities	-	-	Section deleted.
403.3.1	Access	403.3.1	Access	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.”

403.3.2	Prohibited toilet room location	403.3.2	Prohibited location for toilet facilities	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.”
403.3.5	Pay facilities	403.3.5	Pay toilet facilities	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.”
403.3.6	Door locking	403.3.6	Door locking	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.” A new exception permits the egress door of a multiple-occupant toilet room to be lockable from inside the room where three criteria are met.
403.4	Signage	403.4	Signage	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.” Section revised to require public toilet facilities to be provided with signs that indicate whether the facility is to be used by males, by females, or by all persons regardless of sex.
403.1.2	Public lavatories	403.1.2	Public lavatories	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.”
403.1.4	Water closet compartment	403.1.4	Water closet compartment	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.”
405.3.5	Urinal partitions	405.3.5	Urinal partitions	This section has been revised to implement a consistent use of the term “toilet facility.” Privacy requirements for urinals have been added.
407.2	Bathtub waste outlets and overflows	407.2	Bathtub waste outlets and overflows	This section has been revised to clarify that the bathtub overflow must discharge to the trap of the bathtub. Additionally, the requirement that the overflow be not less than 1½ inches in diameter has been deleted to allow for non-circular bathtub overflows.
410.1	Approval (Drinking fountains, water coolers and water dispensers)	410.1	Approval (Drinking fountains, water coolers and water dispensers)	This section has been reorganized to clarify the requirements that apply to each product type.

				The reference to ASHRAE 18 for water coolers has been deleted.
412.2	Hand showers	412.2	Hand showers	ASSE 1014 has been added as a referenced standard for the backflow prevention devices required by this section.
412.10	Head shampoo sink faucets	412.10	Head shampoo sink faucets	ASSE 1084 has been added as a reference standard for water heaters in Item 2.
-	-	412.12	Electrically heated or cooled water dispensers	A new section has been added requiring electrically heated or cooled water dispensers to comply with ASSE 1023.
423.3	Footbaths and pedicure baths	423.3	Footbaths and pedicure baths	ASSE 1084 has been added as a reference standard for water heaters specified in this section.
424.2	Substitution for water closets	424.2	Substitution for water closets	This section has been revised to clarify that the substitutions permitted are for males according to Table 403.1.
Chapter 5: Water Heaters				
-	-	501.9	Lead content	A new section has been added requiring water heaters that are part of the potable water distribution system to comply with NSF 372 and have a weighted average lead content of 0.25 percent or less.
Chapter 6: Water Supply and Distribution				
Table 604.4	Maximum Flow Rates and Consumption for Plumbing Fixtures and Fixture Fittings	Table 604.4	Maximum Flow Rates and Consumption for Plumbing Fixtures and Fixture Fittings	The maximum flow rate for shower heads has been changed from 2.5 gpm to 2.0 gpm. A new table note has been added requiring shower heads to comply with all requirements for high-efficiency showerheads in ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1
Table 605.4	Water Distribution Pipe	Table 605.4	Water Distribution Pipe	Stainless steel tube types 304/304L and 316/316L have been added to the table. All stainless pipe or tubing are required to comply with ASTM A269, ASTM A312, or ASTM A778.

Table 605.5	Pipe Fittings	Table 605.5	Pipe Fittings	ASTM F3347 and ASTM F3348 have been added as reference standards for PEX-AL-HDPE and PE-RT. ASTM A269 and ASTM F3226 have been added as reference standards for stainless steel pipe. ASTM F3226 has been added as a reference standard for steel.
605.14.2	Solvent cementing (CPVC plastic)	605.14.2	Solvent cementing (CPVC plastic)	Where a primer is required, new language requires CPVC joints to be made while the cement is fluid and in accordance with ASTM D2855. One-step solvent cement joints are now required to comply with ASTM F3328.
605.15.2	CPVC/AL/CPVC pipe	605.15.2	CPVC/AL/CPVC pipe	Solvent cement joints made with a primer are now required to comply with ASTM D2855. The exception for when a primer is not required has been revised to also require that the joint is made in accordance with ASTM F3328.
606.1	Location of full-open valves	606.1	Location of full-open valves	Item 2 has been revised to apply to multiple-tenant buildings three stories or less in height.
606.2	Location of shutoff valves	606.2	Location of shutoff valves	This section has been revised to also include the term “dwelling unit” where “sleeping unit” is referenced.
607.2	Hot or tempered water supply to fixtures	607.2	Hot or tempered water supply to fixtures	A new exception has been added permitting the developed length of hot or tempered water from the source of hot water to not exceed 10 feet for public lavatory faucets.
Table 608.1	Application of Backflow Preventers	Table 608.1	Application of Backflow Preventers	The backpressure and backsiphonage sizes of several devices in the table have been updated correlate with the sizes in the respective reference standard.

609.1	Scope (health care plumbing)	609.1	Scope (health care plumbing)	The term “Group B ambulatory care facilities” has been changed to “ambulatory care facilities.”
Chapter 7: Sanitary Drainage				
Table 702.1	Above-Ground Drainage and Vent Pipe	Table 702.1	Above-Ground Drainage and Vent Pipe	ASTM F3371 has been added as a reference standard for polyolefin pipe.
Table 702.2	Underground Building Drainage and Vent Pipe	Table 702.2	Underground Building Drainage and Vent Pipe	ASTM F3371 has been added as a reference standard for polyolefin pipe.
Table 702.3	Building Sewer Pipe	Table 702.3	Building Sewer Pipe	Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe (corrugated wall) has been added to the table with reference to ASTM F2947 Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe (Profile Wall) has been added to the table with reference to ASTM F2763.
Table 702.4	Pipe Fittings	Table 702.4	Pipe Fittings	ASTM F3371 has been added as a reference standard for polyolefin pipe.
702.6	Chemical waste system	702.6	Chemical waste drainage system	This section has been revised and a new table has been added to provide specificity on materials that are acceptable for chemical waste drainage applications,
		Table 702.6	Chemical Waste Drainage System Pipe and Fittings	
-	-	705.2.5	Mechanical joints above ground (ABS pipe)	A new section has been added requiring mechanical joint couplings used above ground to connect ABS pipe to ABS pipe to be of the shielded type and shall be marked by the manufacturer as being recommended for the application.
705.10.2	Solvent cementing (PVC pipe)	705.10.2	Solvent cementing (PVC pipe)	The exception for when a primer is not required has been revised to also require that the joint is made in accordance with ASTM F3328.
-	-	705.10.5	Mechanical joints above ground (PVC pipe)	A new section has been added requiring mechanical joint couplings used above ground to connect PVC pipe to PVC pipe to be of the shielded type and shall be marked by the manufacturer as being recommended for the application.
705.13.1	Heat fusion joints (polyolefin plastic)	705.13.1	Heat fusion joints (polyolefin plastic)	ASTM F3371 has been added for heat fusion joints for polyolefin plastic pipe.

705.16	Joints between different materials	705.16	Joints between different materials	The requirement that mechanical joints be of the compression or mechanical sealing type has been deleted.
717	Relining Building Sewers and Building Drains	717	Reserved	This section has been deleted in its entirety and shown as Reserved.
-	-	718	Rehabilitation of Building Sewers and Building Drains	A new section has been added requiring cure-in-place rehabilitation of building sewers and building drainage piping to be in accordance with ASTM F1216 or ASTM F1743.
Chapter 8: Indirect/Special Wast				
No changes.				
Chapter 9: Vents				
901.3	Chemical waste vent systems	901.3	Chemical waste drainage vent systems	This section has been revised to require that air admittance valves for chemical waste drainage systems be constructed of one of the materials listed in new Table 702.6.
-	-	902.1.1	Chemical waste drainage systems vent	A new section has been added requiring pipe and fitting materials for a chemical waste drainage vent system to be in accordance with Section 702.6. Installation and construction of such systems is required to be in accordance with the pipe and fitting manufacturers' instructions.
Chapter 10: Traps, Interceptors and Separators				
No changes.				
Chapter 11: Storm Drainage				
Table 1102.4	Building Storm Sewer Pipe	Table 1102.4	Building Storm Sewer Pipe	ASTM F1667 and CSA B182.8 have been added as reference standards for polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe. CSA B182.8 has been added as a reference standard for polypropylene (PP) pipe.
Table 1102.7	Pipe Fitting	Table 1102.7	Pipe Fitting	ASTM F667, ASTM F2763, and ASTM F2947 have been added as reference standards for polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe.

				Polyethylene (PP) plastic pipe complying with ASTM F2764 and ASTM F2881 has been added to the table. ASTM F3202 has been added as a reference standard for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic.
Table 1106.2	Storm Drain Pipe Size	Table 1106.2	Storm Drain Pipe Size	New criteria have been added to the table for 2.5 inch pipe sizes.
Chapter 12: Special Piping and Storage Systems				
No changes.				
Chapter 13: Nonpotable Water Systems				
1302.9	Pumping and control system	1302.9	Pumping and control system	The requirement that mechanical equipment “be easy access” has been changed to “have access.”