

Office of the Fire Commissioner

Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba



Construction Heaters

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Under *The Gas and Oil Burner Act* and Regulation, permits are required to operate and connect a natural gas, propane, or an oil supply line to a construction heater. A permit must be obtained prior to the connection of the supply line to the construction heater. The utility and/or the fuel supply company will verify that a valid permit has been obtained prior to connecting the fuel source to the construction heater.

Gas/Propane Permits

Permits for natural gas and propane construction heaters may be issued only to qualified fitters or the company they work for. Fitters must hold a valid license issued by Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba.

Oil Permits

Permits for oil burning construction heaters may be issued to equipment owners, rental agents, qualified fitters or the company they work for. Fitters must hold a valid license issued by Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba.

Permit Fees

The fee for a construction heater permit is set out in the following table.

Natural Gas/Propane/Oil	Construction Heater Permit
0 – 400,000 BTU/firing capacity of 3 gallons or less per hour	\$15.00
400,001 – 3,000,000 BTU/firing capacity of over 3 gallons per hour	\$50.00
Over 3,000,000 BTU	\$140.00

Permits

- 1) Submit construction heater permit application to:

The Office of the Fire Commissioner
Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba
500 – 401 York Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3C 0P8

or

- 2) Obtain an online permit by establishing an online draw down account.

To obtain information about the online gas permit program call (204) 945-3373 or visit www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca for information.

500—401 York Avenue
Winnipeg Manitoba R3C 0P8
T: 204 945-3373
F: 204 948-2309
Toll Free: 1-866-888-8186 (in Manitoba only)



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Drawings

Drawings are **not** required for construction heater permits unless requested by Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba.

Installation Address

The installation address must be entered on the permit application. The permit is valid for that address only. The construction heater may be moved around the address listed on the permit.

A new permit is required when moving the construction heater to a new address.

Inspections

Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba will conduct inspections of construction heaters based on the following criteria:

- Construction heaters 1 million BTU and over
- Request for inspection from permit applicant/utility/installer/fuel supplier
- Random audit inspection of construction heaters under 1 million BTU

Notice

- Based on feedback received from industry, Inspection and Technical Services will no longer operate the Construction Heater "CH" program outlined in Gas Notice 7.18, entitled Construction Heaters.
- Effective September 15, 2014, certified construction heaters will no longer require a "CH" number.
- Construction Heaters Bulletin OFC ITSM 14-005 sets out the permit requirements for Construction Heaters, effective September 15, 2014.
- The responsibility for the maintenance and safe operation of Construction Heaters rests with the owners, equipment rental agencies and operators of the equipment. A maintenance program that confirms the safe operation of each unit prior to use or rental is required.
- Questions relating to the permit application process may be directed to Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba at (204)945-3373.
- Companies may apply to Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba for a rental operating permit for oil and propane construction heaters between 0 – 400,000 BTU/ firing capacity of 3 gallons or less per hour. The fee for the rental company operating permit is \$50.00 per unit and is valid between March 31, 2014 to April 1, 2015. The rental company is required to maintain records about the installation address for each rental transaction and supply records to Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba upon request.

Forms

- Application for Permit to Install Gas Burning Equipment
- Application for Permit to Install Oil Burning Equipment