



**TOPIC: Drain Pipe Diameter - OPSC/7/#5**

**CODE: Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code-2014 Edition**

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**REFERENCE: Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC)-  
Chapter 7, Table 7-3**

**SUBJECT: Reduced drain pipe diameter for conversions to  
showers**

**QUESTION:** Can the minimum size drain, trap, and trap arm for conversions to showers be reduced from 2", as required by OPSC Table 7-3, to 1.5"?

**RESPONSE:** The minimum size drain, trap, and trap arm for conversions to showers can be reduced to 1.5" under the following conditions:

- A.** The conversion must take place in an existing permitted dwelling unit; and
- B.** The conversion may not take place in a one or two dwelling building; and
- C.** The conversion to a shower must be from an existing permitted bathtub or combination bathtub/shower; and
- D.** A minimum 2" dam shall be provided at the shower entrance; and
- E.** Conversions from existing Durham pipe, or other iron pipe, shall be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis through the BDS administrative appeals process prior to utilization of this code guide.

Other alternatives may be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis through the BDS administrative appeals process.