

THE IAPMO STORY

Protecting the Public's Health and Safety since 1926



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CODE DEVELOPMENT

IAPMO develops and publishes the *Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC®)*, *Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC®)*, *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code (USPSHTC®)*, *Uniform Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code (USHGC™)*, *Water Efficiency and Sanitation Standard (WE•Stand™)*, and the *National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC™)*. In support of these publications, IAPMO works with governmental jurisdictions, professional plumbing contractors, the labor force, trade associations, and manufacturers to produce product standards, technical manuals, personnel certification, educational programs and additional resource publications to meet the ever-evolving demands of the industry as well as the health and safety needs of the public.

As the most widely recognized code of practice in the world used by our industry, and the world's only plumbing and mechanical codes designated as American National Standards by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), today's *UPC* and *UMC* are routinely cited as versatile and easy-to-apply documents that can be tailored to fit almost any region's, state's or nation's needs for ensuring drinking water safety and sanitary waste disposal, as well as sound heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems. Equipped with the Uniform Codes, IAPMO has facilitated code development for countries as diverse as China, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines and the United Arab Emirates.

Public and National Participation Benefits:

Our true consensus-based, ANSI-accredited process seeks to ensure that there is an opportunity for all those who are interested in and affected by codes or standards to participate in their development and ensures that an opportunity exists for the voices of all stakeholders to be heard.

Market Recognition:

The ANSI designation indicates that a code or standard reflects current technology, is responsive to market demand and contributes to the effective and efficient operation of commerce within a free market environment.

Tool for Government:

The reliance on voluntary consensus codes and standards is intended to help make the government operate more efficiently, reduce regulatory compliance and procurement costs. It avoids the duplication of effort caused by having separate private sector and government-unique solutions, enable the government to take advantage of private sector technology and expertise in establishing standards that serve national needs, and contribute to economic prosperity and growth.



CODE ADVOCACY

IAPMO's code support stems from years of dedicated experience in helping jurisdictions put in place codes that protect the health of their population.

IAPMO code support is with you every step of the way, including:

- providing expert testimony during code adoption hearings
- assisting in the education of all entities during the implementation process
- providing free answers and analysis to code questions
- working with jurisdictions to develop a custom code, along with amendments

With decades of professional experience as plumbers and inspectors throughout the United States, IAPMO field managers and support staff are able to provide expertise in the plumbing and mechanical industry to provide a service that best suits your local jurisdiction.

Local Chapter Resources

Your regional field service managers assist with coordinating chapter formation and ongoing chapter activities. The regional field manager is also an excellent local resource to refer inquiries to the appropriate IAPMO staff person for additional information on specific programs and services.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

EPA

IAPMO Research and Testing, Inc. ("IAPMO R&T") is the leading provider of EPA WaterSense® product certification in the nation and has been a U.S. EPA licensed provider, accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), from the beginning, certifying the first high-efficiency toilet (HET) to the standard in April 2007. IAPMO R&T has certified thousands of such water-efficient products to the WaterSense® specifications. In 2018, IAPMO successfully lobbied for continuation of the program. IAPMO is a partner organization in a memorandum of understanding with the EPA to work collaboratively to improve the overall performance and management of decentralized wastewater treatment systems, and supports the development of a U.S. heat meter standard as a means to both credibly and accurately measure the environmental, energy and financial benefits generated by distributed clean heating and cooling technologies.

PERC

The Plumbing Efficiency Research Coalition (PERC) was formed through an initiative led by IAPMO in 2009. It consists of six leading organizations, each with a strong commitment to water efficiency and the integrity of building infrastructure. PERC's initial study, The Drainline Transport of Solid Waste in Buildings, provides important insight into the performance of building drains and addresses opportunities for future research.

SARS

When an unknown respiratory illness broke out in Asia, IAPMO, working with the World Plumbing Council and the World Health Organization, found a potential link between plumbing systems and the illness. An investigation determined that a compromised P-trap and the presence of a large exhaust fan in an apartment building in Hong Kong combined to spread the disease throughout large portions of Hong Kong, and into China and Vietnam.

IWSH

IAPMO's International Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (IWSH) charitable foundation harnesses the skills and expertise of water industry professionals, organizations and manufacturers to support critical water, sanitation and hygiene initiatives worldwide. IWSH does this by tapping into more than 100 years of industry experience to develop local infrastructure, improve governance, and create conditions for better public health and economic outcomes.

WE•Stand

IAPMO's 2017 Water Efficiency and Sanitation Standard (WE•Stand), published as an American National Standard, replaced the Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement. WE•Stand is the first-ever ANSI standard that focuses solely on achieving safe and efficient water use in both residential and non-residential buildings.

LIVE BY THE CODE™

Your voice and vote strengthen the Uniform Code

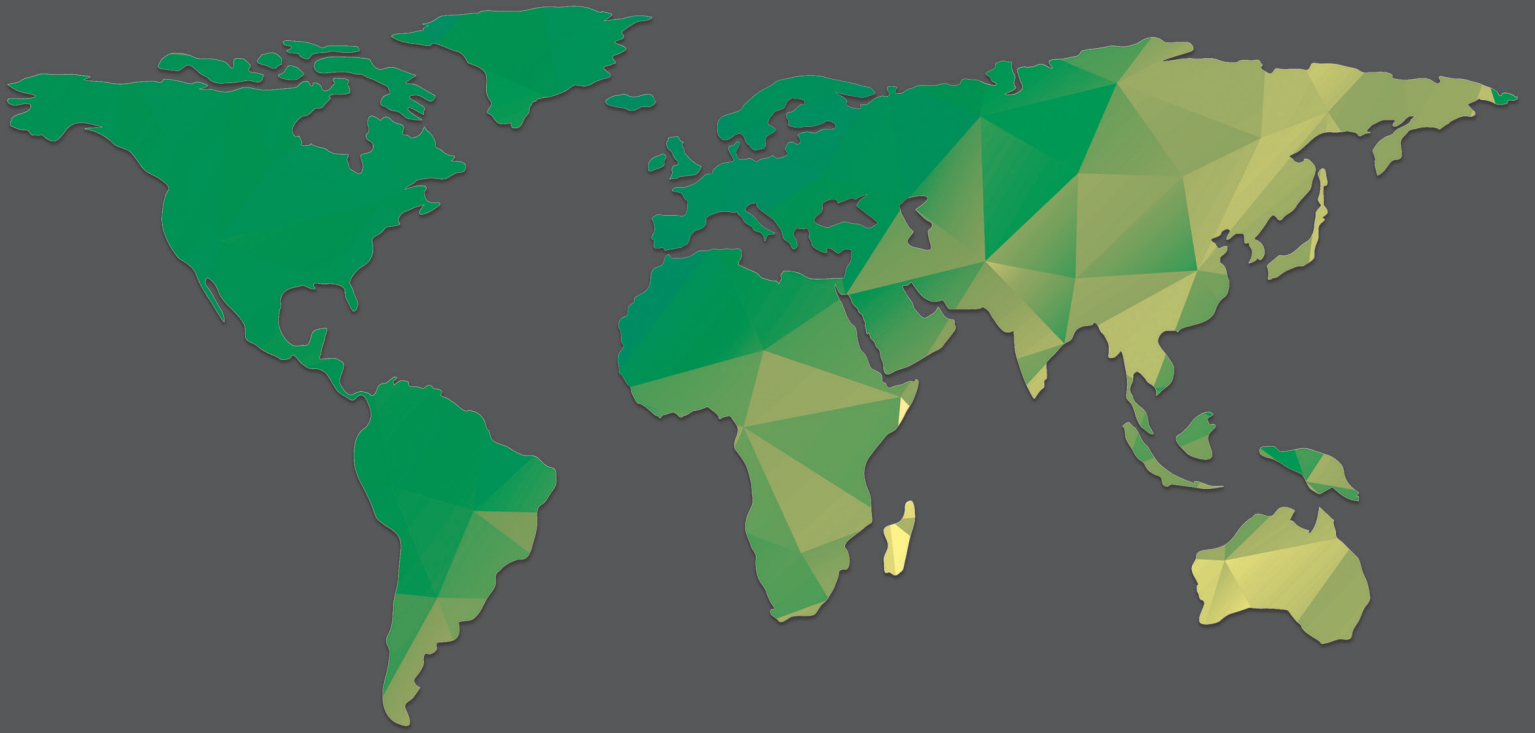
THE IAPMO GROUP

Founded in 1926, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, The IAPMO Group, offers a wide variety of services — code and standard development, including the Uniform Codes, which are accredited as American National Standards, and the National Standard Plumbing Code; product testing and certification; education; and personnel certification. Its extensive knowledge base consists of regulators, professional contractors, the labor force and manufacturers. Comprised of numerous different business units, The IAPMO Group offers true one-stop convenience for all plumbing and mechanical code and product compliance needs.

The IAPMO Group is recognized the world over for its Uniform Codes. With offices in 14 states and 10 countries, IAPMO has assisted globally with code development and adaptation to meet specific regional needs. The IAPMO Group has internationally accredited product testing labs in Ontario, California; Guangzhou, China; Jakarta, Indonesia; Melbourne, Australia; and Bengaluru, India.

Membership in IAPMO is open to plumbing and mechanical inspectors, engineers, building officials, plumbing and mechanical contractors, manufacturers of plumbing, mechanical and building products, retirees, tradespersons, and anyone else who has an interest in promoting safe and efficient plumbing and mechanical systems. IAPMO members hail from nearly every U.S. state and from countries including Canada, Germany, India, United Arab Emirates, China, Costa Rica, Scotland, Japan, New Zealand, Mexico, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia.

The IAPMO Group is committed to growing its core competencies within the code development and product certification arenas. As new products are brought to the market, IAPMO continues to expand the capabilities of its testing labs to anticipate client needs. A key part of this is supporting research on new and emerging plumbing technologies. As many of the new products and systems are designed with the goal of increased sustainability within the built environment, these changes require the continued codification of plumbing and mechanical system design. IAPMO's commitment to safe, innovative plumbing and mechanical systems includes every facet of the development and certification process.



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