



Indirect Waste Receptor Requirements

Indirect waste receptors are regulated by the California Plumbing Code in section 804.0. Sometimes designers want to use a floor with a floor drain as an indirect waste receptor. Fundamentally, this is not allowed by code, because a floor drain requires a strainer and the strainer would prevent an indirect waste pipe from discharging into the floor drain without splashing. Furthermore, floor drains are not listed for use as an indirect waste receptor. Also, the receiver configuration of floor drains is fundamentally different from that of receptors. Receptors generally provide a sink-like basin to provide sufficient volume to accommodate one or more indirect waste pipes and to prevent spill-over and splashing during high-flow periods.

To prevent indirect waste receptors from being used as floor drains, it is the City of Walnut Creek's policy to require the lip of all indirect waste receptors to be located a minimum of 1 inch above the finish floor.

Due to the required lip, indirect waste receptors shall not be placed within the walking areas of public or employee accessible areas.

Indirect waste receptors shall be listed by an approved agency to be code compliant for the intended use.