

Regulation 5 of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999

1. Subject to paragraph 2 any person who proposes to install a water fitting in connection with any of the operations listed in Table A:
 - a) shall give notice to the water undertaker that he proposes to begin work;
 - b) shall not begin that work (except at his own risk) without the consent of the water undertaker which shall not be withheld unreasonably; and
 - c) shall comply with any conditions to which the undertaker's consent is subject.

TABLE A

1	The erection of a building or other structure not being a pond or swimming pool.
2	The extension or alteration of a water system on any premises other than a house.
3	A material change of use of any premises.
4	The installation of:
a	a bath having a capacity, as measured to the centreline of overflow, of more than 230 litres;
b	a bidet with an ascending spray or flexible hose;
c	a single shower unit (which may consist of one or more shower heads within a single unit), not being a drench shower installed for health and safety reasons, connected directly or indirectly to a supply pipe which is of a type specified by the regulator;
d	a pump or booster drawing more than 12 litres a minute, connected directly or indirectly to a supply pipe;
e	a unit which incorporates reverse osmosis;
f	a water treatment unit which produces a waste water discharge or which requires the use of water for regeneration or cleaning;
g	a reduced pressure zone valve assembly or other mechanical device for protection against a fluid category 4 or 5;
h	a garden watering system unless designed to be operated by hand;
i	any water system laid outside a building and either less than 750mm or more than 1350mm below ground level.
5	The construction of a pond or swimming pool with a capacity of greater than 10,000 litres which is designed to be replenished by automatic means and is to be filled with water supplied by a water undertaker.

2. This regulation does not apply to the installation by an approved contractor of a water fitting falling within items 2, 4b or 4g in the table above.
3. The notice required by paragraph 1 shall include or be accompanied by:-
 - a) the name and address of the person giving the notice, and (if different) the name and address of the person on whom notice may be served;
 - b) a description of the proposed work or material change of use; and
 - c) particulars of the location of the premises to which the proposal relates, and the use or intended use of the premises;
 - d) except in the case of a fitting falling within paragraph 4a, 4c, 4h or 5 in table above
 - i) a plan of those parts of the premises to which the proposal relates, and
 - ii) a diagram showing the pipework and fitting to be installed;
 - e) where the work is to be carried out by an approved contractor, the name of the contractor.
4. The water undertaker may withhold consent required under paragraph 1, or grant it subject to conditions, by a notice given before the expiry of a period of ten working days commencing with the day on which notice under the paragraph was given.
5. If no notice is given by the water undertaker within the period mentioned in paragraph 4, the consent required under paragraph 1 shall be deemed to have been granted unconditionally. (This does not alter the obligation upon the installer, owner or occupier to see that the Regulations are fully met.)

Notes on Completing the Notification Form

Section 1 – Approved Contractor: This section should only be completed where it is intended that the work will be carried out by an approved contractor. Please include details of the approving scheme.

Section 2 – Owner / Occupier: The name and full postal address of the person or company to whom the undertakers notice of consent should be issued and to whom any procedure relating to non-compliance with the regulations shall be initially directed.

Section 3 – Use of Premises: Indicate the type of use or proposed use of the premises covered by the notification.

- Domestic** any premises being a private house, flat or other similar dwelling.
- Commercial** any non-domestic premises not containing manufacturing processes and not being agricultural in nature.
- Industrial** any premises containing any manufacturing processes which involve the use of water supplied by Northumbrian Water Ltd.
- Agricultural** any premises involved in agriculture; including farms, field troughs, market gardens, etc
- Other** any premises not covered in the above types, please specify.

Section 4 – Type of Installation Work: The following notification matrix lists the types of installation work. 'X' denotes the documentation required to be supplied to Northumbrian Water Ltd, dependent on the type of installation work proposed, and the status of the contractor carrying out those works.

Type of Installation		Approved Contractor				Non-Approved Contractor			
		Notice	Plan	Drawings	Schedule of Fittings	Notice	Plan	Drawings	Schedule of Fittings
1	Erection of a structure	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	Extension / alteration other than a house					X	X	X	X
3	Material change of use	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4a	Bath with capacity greater than 230 litres	X				X			
4b	Bidet with ascending spray or flexible hose					X	X	X	X
4c	Shower unit of a type specified by the regulator	X				X			
4d	Pump / booster drawing more than 12 litres/min	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4e	Unit which incorporates reverse osmosis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4f	Water treatment unit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4g	Reduced pressure zone valve or similar					X	X	X	X
4h	Garden watering system unless hand operated	X				X			
4i	External water system <750mm or >1350mm deep	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	Pond / swimming pool >10,000 litres	X				X			
6	Temporary supply for building purposes	X	X			X	X		
7	Water pipes for fire fighting purposes	X	X			X	X		
8	Field troughs	X	X			X	X		

Section 5 – Declaration: Please read and sign the declaration, completing all relevant fields.

What happens next: **Providing the notification is accompanied by all the required supporting documentation, we will endeavour to make a response within 10 working days from receipt.**