

BUILDER'S ADVISORY (P-2-98)

City of Corona

Gas Appliance Manufactures Installation Instructions (Sediment Traps)

Gas appliance manufactures of water heaters and forced air units, in accordance with NFPA 54, are requiring the installation of a sediment trap in the gas supply piping ahead of the appliance control valve.

The appliance manufacture may call the sediment trap by various names; ie., dirt leg, drip leg, dirt trap, etc... It's purpose is to trap any debris (pipe dope, dirt, galvanizing, etc.) that may be in the gas supply piping.

Appliance control valves are extremely sensitive to foreign matter, and once fouled by debris must be removed and discarded. Repair and/or cleaning of the control valves not practical according to the appliance manufactures contacted by this office.

In keeping with basic code practice by following manufactures installation instructions, and to ensure normal life span of the appliance, the City of Corona will inspect all appliance manufacturer required sediment traps.

Sediment traps will not be required to be accessible and therefore may be installed inside a wall. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Corona Building Department at (909) 736-2250.

