



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.106.2512 RETIREMENT HOMES: WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- (1) The retirement home must meet the water supply and wastewater systems requirements in ARM 37.111.110 and 37.111.116.
- (2) If a nonpublic water supply system is used, a retirement home must submit a water sample at least quarterly to a laboratory licensed by the department of environmental quality to perform microbiological analysis of water supplies in order to determine that the water does not exceed the maximum microbiological contaminant levels.
- (3) A retirement home must replace or repair the water supply system serving it whenever the water supply:
 - (a) contains microbiological contaminants in excess of the maximum levels; or
 - (b) does not have the capacity to provide adequate water for drinking, cooking, personal hygiene, laundry, and water-carried waste disposal.
- (4) Hand sinks and bathing facilities must be provided with water at a temperature of at least 100°F and not more than 120°F.
- (5) Ice must be:
 - (a) obtained from a licensed supplier if it is not made from the retirement home's water supply;
 - (b) manufactured, stored, handled, transported, and served in a manner which is approved by the department or local health authority as preventing contamination of the ice.
- (6) Where open bin ice storage is provided, an ice scoop must be readily available for use by residents or the management and stored either inside the bin or in a closed container protected from contamination.
- (7) Ice storage bins may not be connected directly to any trap, drain, receptacle sink, or sewer which discharges waste or to any other source of contamination. A minimum of a four inches air gap is required between the ice storage bin drain and any waste discharge.
- (8) The department adopts and incorporates by reference ARM 37.111.110, which sets forth requirements for construction and maintenance of water supply systems, and ARM 37.111.116, which sets forth requirements for construction and maintenance of wastewater systems.

Authorizing statute(s): 50-5-103, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 50-5-103, 50-5-214, MCA

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