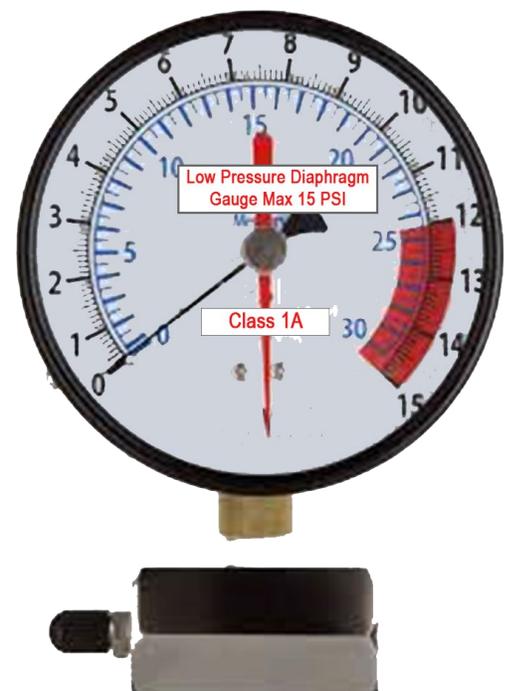


FAQ's for Homeowners Gas Permit

1. Can I replace or install my own gas line?
 - a. Yes, as a homestead owner you may acquire a permit to install your own gas line. You are not allowed to acquire the permit to allow others to do the work for you. (non-family, contractor, handyman, friend)
2. What is the minimum burial depth for a gas line?
 - a. Gas lines shall be installed at least 12" deep.
3. Is Tracer Wire required?
 - a. Yes, yellow insulated 18-gauge tracer wire is required with all plastic gas lines. Metal gas lines do not require tracer wires.
4. What are the pressure test requirements for gas lines?
 - a. Gas lines shall be tested to at least 3lbs of air pressure or 1½ times the working pressure for a minimum of 15 minutes. After the line is pressured, do not release the pressure, call for an inspection.
5. What size gas line do I need?
 - a. Gas lines shall be sized properly by the installer, prior to acquiring a permit. The installer shall provide a pipe sizing diagram. If a diagram cannot be provided, hiring a licensed plumber is recommended. The City of Victoria will not size your system.
6. What kind of pressure gauge can I use to pressure test my gas line?
 - a. A Calibrated Diaphragm Gauge.
7. What kind of pipe is allowed for gas line?
 - a. Black Steel pipe with a 10 mil wrap and/or Polyethylene Plastic Pipe marked "GAS". PVC is not allowed.
8. Are PVC lines allowed in existing buildings?
 - a. Yes, existing PVC lines may remain in use as legally and originally installed, although if repairs are needed, the gas lines shall be replaced entirely with approved piping.
See #7
9. Where can I purchase a Gas Gauge?
 - a. Local Plumbing Supply House
 - b. Contact your local plumber



If you do not understand the information on this handout, we recommend that you contact a licensed plumber to complete the work for you.