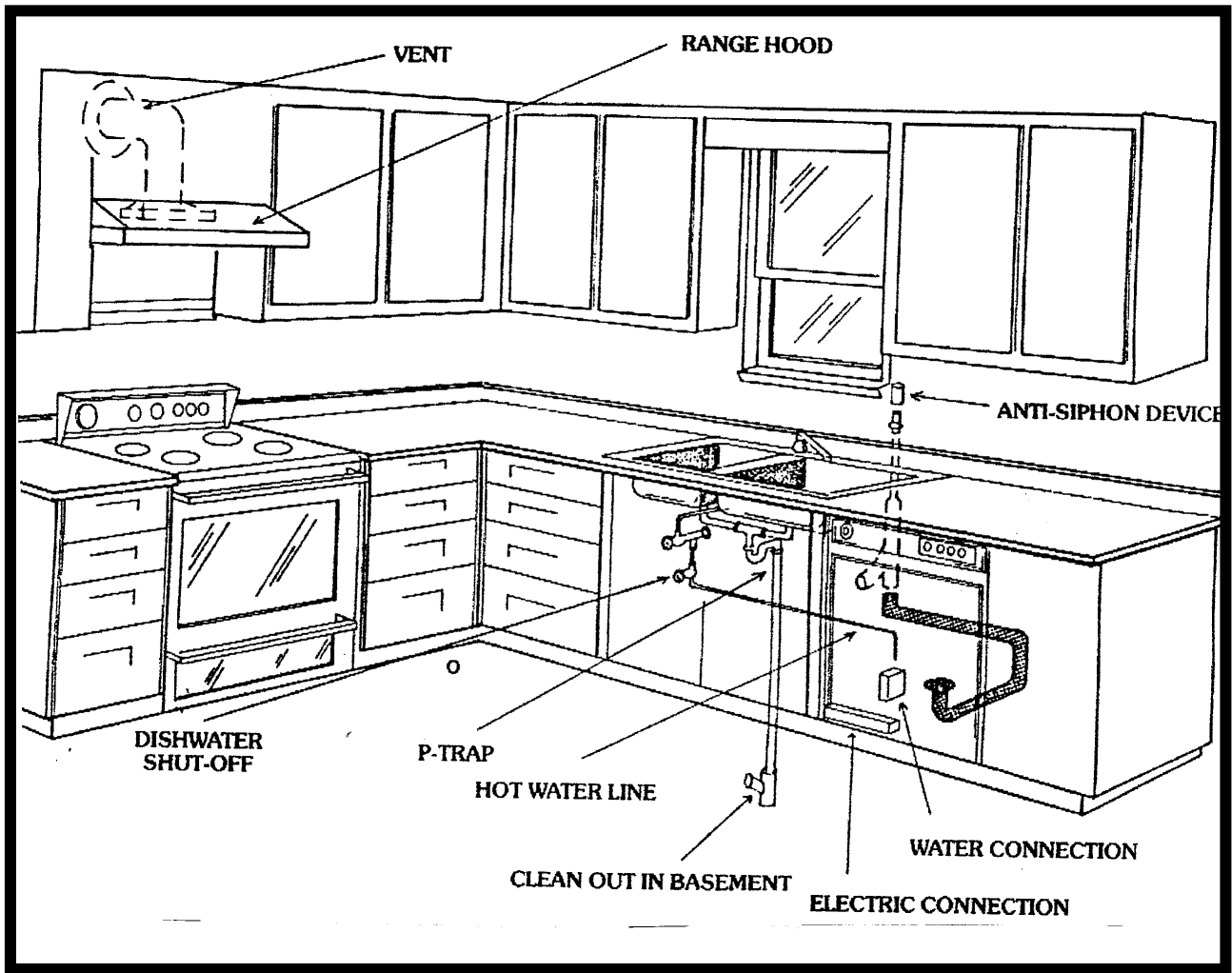


Kitchen Remodeling



Requirements for Remodeling a Kitchen

1. Before remodeling a kitchen, permits must first be obtained from the Building Department. **NOTE: When a kitchen is enlarged in square footage, a plot plan and a drawing must also be presented when applying for the permit to determine zoning requirements outside the footprint of the home.**

2. Permits to be obtained are:

Building – for carpentry work, cabinets, soffits, etc.

Electrical – for new receptacles, lighting fixtures and electrical appliances

Plumbing – for kitchen sinks, dishwashers and gas piping.

3. When an existing kitchen is completely remodeled, the entire room is to be brought to current code standards. Remodeling is defined as replacement of wall and base cabinets.

4. Before concealing wiring and plumbing, call the Building Department for an inspection.

5. Electrical:

- a) At least two 20-ampere small appliance branch circuits shall be installed for counter top receptacles.
- b) A third general-purpose circuit shall be installed to supply lighting.
- c) Receptacle outlets shall be provided for each 2 ft. of counter top. Receptacles are required on each island and at peninsula ends.
- d) Counter space 12 inches or wider shall have a receptacle outlet. Counter spaces separated by sinks, refrigerator or range tops shall be considered as separate counter tops and an outlet shall be installed on each side.
- e) It is recommended that the refrigerator and any other motor driven appliance be installed on separate circuits.
- f) All receptacles serving the counter top shall be ground fault circuit interrupter (G.F.C.I.) protected.

6. Plumbing:

- a) The kitchen sink unvented waste line shall be two (2) inches in diameter (unless the developed length exceeds 15 feet, then the fixture must be vented) and may be of plastic (ABS or PVC Schedule 40).
- b) The vertical waste, terminating in the basement, shall have a clean out at the base of its stack.
- c) The trap located under the sink shall be a 1-1/2 inch minimum "P"-trap.
- d) If a dishwasher is installed, an "air gap" device shall be installed and located above the rim of the sink unless the dishwasher has a built-in device.