



K L Contractor Plumbing Releases Repiping Material Guide

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K L Contractor Plumbing Inc has published new guidance, "PEX vs. Copper Repiping for Kennesaw, GA Homeowners," comparing PEX and copper for residential repiping projects. The resource gives Kennesaw homeowners information about material differences, installation needs, expected service life, and factors that can affect the choice of replacement piping.

The guide focuses on homes with aging water supply systems. Many Kennesaw properties were built during periods when galvanized steel, polybutylene, and copper piping were common. Older systems can develop corrosion, restricted water flow, recurring leaks, or other signs that may lead a homeowner to consider a larger piping project instead of another isolated repair.

"Choosing a repiping material should start with the condition of the existing plumbing and the needs of the house," said Alex Laldin, marketing director at K L Contractor Plumbing Inc. "PEX and copper have different installation characteristics. A homeowner should understand those differences and the planned scope before

approving a whole-house project.?

The new resource explains that PEX, or cross-linked polyethylene, is a flexible material used for residential water supply lines. Its flexibility can reduce the number of fittings needed in some installations and can make routing new lines through existing structures easier. Copper is a rigid material with a long history of use in residential plumbing systems.

Installation requirements also differ between the two materials. PEX can bend around some obstacles and does not require soldered joints. Copper typically requires more fittings where a line changes direction and uses a different connection process. These differences can affect how plumbers route new supply lines and how much access they need inside a house.

The guide also addresses expected service life. It states that copper can provide about 50 to 70 years of service when water conditions are favorable, while PEX is rated for about 40 to 50 years. Actual pipe condition can vary based on the installation, water conditions, system use, and other property-specific factors.

Freeze conditions are another point covered in the resource. PEX can expand slightly when water freezes inside the line, while rigid copper does not have the same flexibility. This difference can be relevant for piping installed in crawl spaces, exterior walls, attics, or other areas that may experience low temperatures.

The company also explains that the need for repiping should be based on the condition of the plumbing system rather than one symptom alone. A localized failure in an otherwise sound system may support a targeted repair. Repeated leaks, widespread corrosion, restricted flow, or deterioration across larger sections of piping may support an evaluation of the system as a whole.

Older pipe materials can also affect that assessment. Galvanized steel can corrode internally over time and restrict water flow. Polybutylene was installed in many homes from the late 1970s through the mid-1990s and can become brittle as it ages. Older copper systems can develop pinhole leaks or other signs of deterioration after decades of service.

The resource states that a plumber can identify existing pipe material and examine the condition of accessible sections before recommending repair or replacement. The evaluation can also consider the number and location of previous failures, water-flow problems, the layout of the house, and the accessibility of existing supply lines.

Whole-house repiping differs from repairing one damaged pipe. A repiping project replaces the water supply lines included in the planned scope and requires new routes to fixtures and plumbing components. Work can

involve kitchens, bathrooms, laundry areas, water heaters, exterior hose connections, and other water-supplied fixtures, depending on the property.

The guide also explains that replacement material can affect the project schedule. For a typical Kennesaw home between 1,500 and 2,500 square feet with two or three bathrooms, the source states that a PEX repipe may take one to two days. A copper project may take two to four days because of the material's installation requirements. Actual schedules depend on the house, pipe accessibility, number of fixtures, and project scope.

Homeowners may also need to plan for access inside walls or other finished areas. The location and number of access openings depend on the plumbing layout and proposed pipe routes. The scope should identify which areas require access and what restoration work is included after installation.

The resource states that residential repiping in Kennesaw requires a Cobb County plumbing permit. The described process includes a rough-in inspection before walls are closed and a final inspection after fixtures are reconnected. Permit and inspection requirements are part of the project planning process.

K L Contractor Plumbing Inc provides residential plumbing, pipe repair, and repiping services in Kennesaw and other Metro Atlanta communities. The company evaluates existing piping, discusses repair and replacement options, and works with PEX and copper water supply systems.

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