

Glossary of Terms

The following glossary is a list of terms commonly used in the trade in Alberta and elsewhere in Canada. Individuals preparing for examinations should be familiar with these terms and how they are used in the context of the trade.

Appliance	Fixture unit – drainage systems	Sanitary drainage system
Back-siphonage	Fixture unit – water distribution systems	Sanitary sewer
Backflow	Flood level rim	Service water heater
Back-siphonage preventer	Flow control roof drain	Sewage
Back pressure backflow preventer	Fresh air inlet	Soil-or-waste pipe
Backwater valve	Header	Soil-or-waste stack
Branch	Indirectly connected	Stack vent
Branch vent	Individual vent	Storey - plumbing
Building	Interceptor	Storm building drain
Building drain	Leader	Storm building sewer
Building sewer	Nominally horizontal	Storm drainage system
Building trap	Nominally vertical	Storm sewer
Check valve	Occupancy	Storm water
Cleanout	Offset	Subdrainage system
Clear-water waste	Owner	Subsoil drainage pipe
Combined building drain	Plumbing contractor	Suite
Combined building sewer	Plumbing system	Trap
Continuous vent	Potable	Trap standard
Critical level	Private sewage disposal system	Vent pipe
Developed length	Private water supply system	Vent stack
Directly connected	Relief vent	Venting system
Drainage system	Riser	Water distribution system
Dual vent	Roof drain	Water service pipe
Dwelling unit	Roof gutter	Water system
Fire separation	Sanitary building drain	Wet vent
Fixture	Sanitary building sewer	
Fixture drain		
Fixture outlet pipe		