

Capital Improvement Rule: Sales and Use Tax for Construction Trades

This publication provides persons in the construction trades, including building contractors, home improvement contractors, carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, roofers, heating and air conditioning contractors, pavers, landscapers, excavators, among others, with general information about how West Virginia consumers sales and use taxes apply to purchases of construction materials and to charges for various services to real property. Related publications include <u>Publication TSD-325</u> (incidental installation rule); and <u>Publication TSD-315</u> (regarding factory-built home dealers). The special rules discussed in those publications are not addressed here. This publication provides general information. It is not a substitute for tax laws or regulations.

Rules for Persons in Construction Trades

Persons in the construction trades <u>are required to</u> collect sales tax on both the services (labor) provided to their customers and on any appliances, equipment or materials sold to their customers in conjunction with the work they perform. They are then required to remit the tax collected to the state unless they are engaged in activity constituting a capital improvement.

To determine sales and use tax liability in the construction trades, work done to real property must be classified either as capital improvements or as non-capital improvement repairs, maintenance or installation services.

A capital improvement is any addition or alteration to real property that meets the following requirements:

- 1) It substantially adds to the value of real property or appreciably prolongs the useful life of the real property;
- 2) It becomes part of the real property or is permanently affixed to the real property so that removal would cause material damage to the property or article itself; and
- 3) It is intended to become a permanent installation or to remain there for an indefinite period of item.

Whether tax is due on services performed on real property depends on the results of those services. If the end result of the service is a capital improvement to real property, the service is considered to be "contracting" and is not taxable. If the end result is a non-capital improvement, repair, alteration, or maintenance of real property, the service is taxable.

Persons who fail to collect the proper amount of tax due from their customers are personally liable for the uncollected tax.

Alterations, repairs, improvements or decorations: Persons who make alterations, repairs, improvements or decorations to buildings, structures or real property that are not capital improvements are providing "taxable services" and must collect the sales tax from their customers on both the labor and materials used in providing the taxable services.

- ⇒ The taxable service providers who collect sales tax from their customers must also pay sales tax on their purchases of various business-related items, such as office furniture, office supplies, machinery, equipment, tools and materials.
- ⇒ However, the taxable service providers may purchase parts, materials and appliances tax-free if those items are resold to their customers in conjunction with providing the taxable services the items must be resold and physically transferred to their customers. The taxable service providers may claim this limited exemption by providing the supplier from whom they make the purchases a properly completed certificate of exemption claiming the exemption for purchases made for resale.

Persons In Construction Trades Required to Collect Tax Must Timely Remit Tax Collected to the State

If persons in the construction trades are required to collect the tax, but do not have a Combined Sales and Use Tax account, they must contact the Tax Division so that an account is established for their business. When a sales and use tax account is established, the Tax Division will automatically provide the proper form (<u>WV/CST-200CU</u>) to remit the sales tax collected or the taxpayer can file and pay online at <u>https://mytaxes.wvtax.gov</u>.

The sales tax required to be collected by vendors is due either monthly, quarterly, or annually. It is the responsibility of a vendor in the construction trades to timely file and to remit the amounts required to be collected. Failure to file a tax return, late filing of a return or late payment of the tax subjects vendors to penalty and interest charges. For more information about vendor responsibilities, see <u>Publication TSD-345</u>.

Persons in the construction trades making capital improvements for their customers are not required to collect sales tax from those customers. However, contractors making capital improvements must generally pay sales or use tax on all machinery, equipment, tools, and materials they purchase for use in their business and for use or consumption in making the capital improvements.

The Integrated Manufacturer/Contractor Rule

Producers or manufacturers of goods that are later used in contracting activities must pay use tax on the "gross value" of such goods. This rule also applies to producers of natural resources and manufacturers who also engage in contracting activities. An additional municipal tax may also apply. For a list of municipalities, effective dates and rates, visit our website at: https://tax.wv.gov/Business/SalesAndUseTax/Pages/SalesAndUseTax.aspx.

Gross value should correspond, as closely as possible, to the gross proceeds that would be received by a producer or manufacturer selling similar products and quantities to another party in an arms length transaction.

See <u>TSD-358</u> for more information regarding direct use.

Gross value is determined by applying the following rules in the order stated:

- 1) The gross value of the product consumed or used in contracting should be equal to the selling price, at consumption or use, of products of similar quality and character offered for sale in similar quantities by persons unrelated to the taxpayer.
- 2) In the absence of sales of similar products by unrelated persons, the gross value should be the average price that the producer or manufacturer sells similar products made during the taxable year to customers.
- When the producer or manufacturer has not made sales of similar products to customers, gross value should be determined by taking the cost of the product and adding the average markup realized by the producer or manufacturer as it was produced.

The cost of the product is determined by including every item of cost, both direct and indirect, attributable to that particular product.

If the production or manufacturing takes place at the job site, the producer or manufacturer is treated solely as a contractor. In this case, use tax is calculated on the materials and equipment consumed or used in the production or manufacturing process. The gross value of the completed product is not separately taxed.

Use Tax Method Worksheet

The following worksheet can help determine which method should be used to calculate the gross value of products produced or manufactured and later used in contracting activity.

Rule 1

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Are there sales between parties unrelated to you of produc	cts of like quality and character in similar quantities?
Yes; Enter the price involved in theses sales a	is the gross value for use tax calculation. <u>Do not</u> use Rule 2 or 3.
□ No; Skip to Rule 2.	
Rule 2	
Do you sell similar products to unrelated customers?	
Yes; Enter the price involved in theses sales a	is the gross value for use tax calculation. <u>Do not use Rule 1 or 3.</u>
□ No; Skip to Rule 3.	
Rule 3	
Compute the costs involved in producing or manufacturing	g the product.
 a. Direct costs (materials, labor, etc.) 	a. \$
b. Indirect costs (overhead, administrative	
costs, etc.)	b. \$
c. Total manufacturing cost. Add lines a. and b.	C. \$
d. Markup (average markup on similar products)	d. \$
Total product value. Add lines c. and d.	\$
	Calculate use tax

on this amount.

Special Rules Regarding Pass-Through Exemptions for Construction Trade Contractors

Generally, a contractor may not assert an exemption to which the contractor's customer would have been entitled. However, there are certain exceptions to this general rule, which are detailed below.

A contractor performing construction contracting services <u>may</u> assert the exemption for qualified purchases of services, machinery, supplies and materials for use or consumption in their services for the following qualified businesses or organizations:

- 1. Manufacturing;
- 2. Transportation;
- 3. Transmission of liquid, natural gas or electricity by pipes or wires;
- 4. Communication:
- 5. Production of natural resources;
- 6. Generation or production or selling electric power;
- 7. Provision of a public utility service; or
- 8. Operation of a utility service or the operation of a utility business.

A contractor's purchases of services, computers, servers, building materials and tangible personal property, except purchases of gasoline and special fuel, to be installed into a building or facility or directly used or consumed in the construction, alteration, repair or improvement of a new or existing building or structure are exempt when the purchaser of the contracting services would be entitled to claim the exemption for sales of prewritten computer software, computers, computer hardware, servers and building materials and tangible personal property to be installed into a building or facility for direct use in a high-technology business or an internet advertising business.

A contractor's qualified purchases of computers and computer software, primary material handling equipment, racking and racking systems, and their components, and qualified purchases of building materials and certain tangible personal property, as these terms are defined and used in <u>W. Va. Code §11-15-9n</u>, are exempt when the purchaser of the contracting services would have qualified for the exemption set forth in <u>W. Va. Code §11-15-9n</u>.

A contractor's purchases of services, machinery, supplies or materials, except gasoline and special fuel, to be directly used or consumed in the construction, alteration, repair or improvement of a new or existing natural gas compressor station or gas transmission line having a diameter of twenty inches or more are exempt if the purchaser of the contracting services would have qualified for the exemption set forth in <u>W. Va. Code §11-13S-4.</u>

With relation to purchases of tangible personal property, the exemption applies to purchases of tangible personal property that remain on the construction site after the construction activity is completed.

- ⇒ It <u>does not</u> apply to purchases of tools, bulldozers, cranes, etc. that become the property of the construction contractor and are removed from the site after construction is completed. However, **rentals** of cranes, bulldozers, and other equipment specifically for use on the specifically identified job by the contractor, or operator of the machine, qualify for the exemption.
- ⇒ Purchases by a subcontractor, who is working for a prime contractor, where the prime contractor is entitled to the exemption, are also exempt in the same manner and with the same restrictions as are applicable to the prime contractor.
- ⇒ This exemption <u>does not</u> apply to purchases of gasoline or special fuel.

An additional municipal sales or use tax may also apply if the work performed is within a municipality that imposes a municipal sales and use tax. For a list of municipalities, effective dates and rates, visit our website at:

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Exemption for Certain Services of Construction Managers for Projects that Result in Capital Improvement

The services of a construction manager are considered contracting and not subject to tax when the project results in a capital improvement. Those services are exempt from tax based upon a contract between the construction manager and the principal or owner, under which contract the construction manager employs, directs, coordinates or manages either design professionals or construction contractors, or both, who are hired and paid directly by the principal, or the owner, or the construction manager.

Generally, the following activities of a construction manager for a capital improvement project are exempt from sales tax:

- ⇒ Plan the capital project in steps, budget time, set a financial budget;
- ⇒ Determine labor requirements, hire labor and contractors, coordinate contractors;
- ⇒ Bid jobs, draft, evaluate, negotiate and execute contracts with design professionals and contractors;
- ⇒ Collaborate and coordinate with architects, engineers, and other construction and building specialists;
- ⇒ Instruct, supervise and coordinate contractors on site;
- ⇒ Report on work progress and budget matters to principals or owners;
- ⇒ Procure and monitor the use of materials;
- \Rightarrow Procure permits and licenses; and
- ⇒ Inspect, review and monitor compliance with building and safety codes and other regulations.

Services that are not contracting, and are therefore taxable, include the services of:

- ⇒ Acquiring land or real property;
- ⇒ Acquiring equipment if the equipment does not become part of the capital improvement;
- ⇒ Obtaining financing;
- ⇒ Purchasing insurance or bonds; and
- ⇒ All services on a project that does not result in a capital improvement.

To verify the exception for construction managers, the contract between the principal or owner and the construction manager must specify the activities or services and identify the resulting capital improvement.

SUMMARY

If the result of work on a structure, building or real property is a capital improvement, it is not taxable. This occurs when a:

- Property owner purchases...
 - ⇒ Materials only and performs his own labor, the property owner generally pays tax to the supplier.
 - ⇒ Materials directly from the supplier and hires a person in the construction trades to perform the labor, the property owner generally pays tax to the supplier but not to the person in the construction trades.
 - ⇒ Materials and labor from the person in the construction trades, the property owner pays no tax.
- Person in the construction trades purchases materials, equipment or supplies, the person in the construction trades generally pays tax to the supplier on all items.

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If the result of work on a structure, building or real property is simply a repair, maintenance or installation service is not a capital improvement, it is taxable. This occurs when a:

- Property owner purchases...
 - ⇒ Materials only and performs his own labor, the property owner generally pays tax to the supplier.
 - ⇒ Materials directly from the supplier and hires a person in the construction trades to perform the labor, the property owner generally pays tax to both the supplier and the person in the construction trades.
 - ⇒ Materials and labor from the person in the construction trades, the property owner generally pays tax to the person in the construction trades on the total charge.
- Person in the construction trades purchases materials, equipment or supplies, the person in the construction trades generally pays tax to the supplier on all items except for materials resold and physically transferred to the property owner. To purchase the resold items tax free, the person in the construction trades must provide an exemption certificate to the supplier.

CLASSIFICATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND TAXABLE REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE OR INSTALLATION

Air CleanersHeating - RadiantAir ConditionersHeating - SolarBathroomsHeating - Steam

Brickwork Heating - Warm Air Duct System

Central Air Conditioning Heating - Wood Burning Furnace, Stove

<u>Chimneys</u> <u>Hot Water Heaters</u>

Doors Humidifiers

Driveways, Parking Lots and Walks Kitchens

ElectricalMiscellaneousExteriorPaintingFire, Water, Wind DamagePatios

FireplacesPlumbing - PipingFloor CoveringsPlumbing - Sinks

Garage Doors Plumbing
Heating - Coal Roofs

<u>Heating - Electric</u> <u>Septic Systems</u>

Heating - Electric Boiler Stairs

Heating - Electric FurnaceSump PumpsHeating - GasVentilationHeating - Heat PumpWallsHeating - Hot WaterWindowsHeating - OilYard Care

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	Repair, Maintenance or Installation of Tangible Personal Property (TAXABLE)	Capital Improvement (EXEMPT)
Air Cleaners	Repair or replacement of the following in self-contained or central units:	 Installation of central air cleaner systems Original installation of ductwork or required additional ductwork Replacement of complete central air cleaner units

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Air Conditioners (other than Central Air Conditioning Systems)	Repair or replacement of the following in mounted through-the-wall or in window units: Air flow controls Blowers Casings Compressors Copper tubing Fan motors Fans Filters Grilles Motors Installation or replacement of window air conditoners Replacement of through-the-wall mounted units	Original installation of through-the-wall mounted units See also Central Air Conditioning
Bathrooms	 Repair of: Cabinets Exhaust fans Faucets Mirrors Shower heads Sinks Toilets Tub or shower enclosures Tubs Vanities Replacement of faucets and shower heads	Complete remodeling of bathrooms (toilet, tub, and vanity) Complete installation or replacement (including any necessary fixtures) of: Cabinets Exhaust fans Sinks Tile (floor or wall) Toilets Tub or shower enclosures Tubs Vanities See also Electrical, Plumbing and Walls
Brickwork	 Fixing cracks Replacing damaged bricks Repainting Sandblasting 	Construction of new or complete replacement of brick: Chimneys Exterior surfaces Fireplaces Stairs or steps Structures Walls
Central Air Conditioning	 Maintenance contracts Repair or replacement of: Blowers Coils Compressors Condenser coils Control devices Ductwork sections Excess moisture drains Fans Filters Refrigerant Refrigerant tubes 	 Installation of central air conditioning systems Original installation of ductwork or required additional ductwork Replacement of complete central air conditioning units
Chimneys	 Chimney cleaning Fixing cracks Installation of spark arrestors Reporting Sealing of flashings Repair or replacement of: Caps Damaged bricks Flashings Flues Loose mortar Pots Rain and draft deflectors 	Installation of new chimneys

	Repair, Maintenance or Installation of Tangible Personal Property (TAXABLE)	Capital Improvement (EXEMPT)
Doors	 Addition of paneling Caulking (interior/exterior) Elimination of binding or looseness Installation of the following items in existing door: Closers Decorative moldings Kick plates Mail slots Peepholes Thresholds Weather stripping Repair of existing doors Repair or replacement of: Castings Closers Door frames Door knobs Glass panes Handles Head jambs Hinges Jambs Locks or latches Panels Saddles Screens Stiles Stops Thresholds Top rails Trim Weather stripping Painting, varnishing or staining existing doors 	 Closing of doorways Cutting of doorways Installation or replacement of doors, or doors and frames, or storm doors with related hardware Painting, varnishing or staining a new door
Driveways, Parking Lots and Walks	Replacement of: Cobblestones Crushed stone Crushed stone with oil Flagstones Gravel Repairing and patching of holes and cracks Replacing sections of concrete or blacktop driveways, parking lots and walks Sealing and dressing	Installation or complete repaving of driveways, parking lots and walks
Electrical	 Installation of dimmer switches Repair of lighting fixtures Repair or replacement of: Circuit breakers Door bells Door buzzers Door chimes Floor outlets Fluorescent fixture parts (ballasts, starters, tubes) Fuses Light bulbs Outdoor lampposts Outlets Receptacles Switches Wall boxes Wiring 	Complete wiring or rewiring of structures or the upgrading of a service Original installation of:

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Exterior	 Cleaning of above or in ground swimming pools Installation of: Above ground swimming pools (including pumps, filters, etc.) Canvas awnings Patching cracks Painting existing: Awnings Brickwork Concrete Exterior surfaces Fences Railings Repair of louvers Repair of maintenance of: Awnings (other than canvas) Decks Inground swimming pools (including pump, filters, etc) Patios Water well pumps Repare, replacement or maintenance of: Above ground swimming pools (including pumps, filters, etc.) Canvas awnings Fence pickets, posts, rails or sections Flashings Gates Shingles Siding (partial) Excavation work (if for repair and maintenance) Snow removal Deepening existing water wells 	Construction of: Dormers Foundations Garages New decks New homes New porches Excavation work-if for a capital improvement Insulating structures Installation of new or replacement of existing: Awnings (other than canvas) Fences Gutter and downspout systems Louvers Water well pumps Installation of inground swimming pools Painting of new structures
Fire, Water, Wind Damage	 Cleaning Deodorizing Refinishing floors Removal of water or debris Repainting Replacement of broken glass 	Rehabilitation of damaged structures (see appropriate sections for work performed)
Fireplaces	 Cleaning Fixing cracks Repainting Repair or replacement of: Ash pits Cold air inlets Damaged bricks Damper controls Dampers Fireboxes Firebricks Fire-chambers Flues Headers Hearths Lintels Mantels Smoke-chambers Smoke shelves Warm air outlets 	Installation or replacement of fireplaces (other than freestanding fireplaces)

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Floor Coverings	 Cleaning Sanding Stripping Refinishing Repairing or partial replacement of: Carpeting Floor tiles Hardwood flooring 	Installation or complete replacement of: • Floor tiles* • Hardwood floor* • Linoleum* • Subflooring* • Wall-to-wall carpet* *Taxable when sold and installed by a retail dealer and installation is incidental to the sale. See Publication TSD-325
Garage Doors	 Adjustment of spring tension Lubrication of parts Maintenance of electric garage door openers and controls Painting, varnishing or staining of existing garage doors Weather stripping Repair or replacement of: Casings Door Frames Door sections Glass panes Hinges Jambs Locks Panels Rollers Saddles Springs Stiles Stops Tracks Trim 	 Installation or replacement of complete garage doors Painting, varnishing or staining of new garage doors
Heating - Coal	 Cleaning Maintenance Contracts Repair or replacement of: Coal screws Fan motors Junction boxes Stoker motors or relays Supply lines Thermostats Times Transformers Wind boxes 	Replacement or installation of coal heating systems
Heating - Electric	 Cleaning Maintaining contracts Repair of baseboard heaters and wall heaters 	Additions to permanently installed electric heating systems Installation or replacement of permanently installed electric heating units or systems

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Heating - Electric Boiler	 Cleaning Maintaining Contracts Repair or replacement of: Automatic air vents Circulators Controls Drain valves Expansion tanks Heating elements Pressure controls Relief valves Return lines Supply lines Thermostats 	Installation or replacement of electric boilers
Heating - Electric Furnace	 Cleaning Maintaining Contracts Repair or replacement of: Blowers Fuses Condensers Elements Filters Low-voltage terminals Relays Sequencers Thermostats transformers 	Installation or replacement of electric furnace
Heating - Gas	 Cleaning Maintaining Contracts Repair or replacement of: Burner heads Draft hoods Filters Main gas valves Main shutoff valves Pilot gas lines Pressure regulators Safety control valves Safety thermostat elements Vent pipes 	Installation or replacement of gas furnace
Heating - Heat Pump	 Cleaning Maintaining Contracts Repair or replacement of: Blowers Coils Compressors Valves 	Installation or replacement of heat pump units

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Heating - Hot Water	 Bleeding of radiators Cleaning Flushing of boilers Maintenance contracts Repair or replacement of: Air vent valves Boiler tubes Circulating pumps Coils Drain cocks Expansion tanks Furnace controls Main shutoff valves Piping (sections) Pressure reducing valves Pressure-relief valves Radiators Return mains Risers Supply mains Thermostats Water supply lines 	 Additions to hot water systems Installation or replacement of hot water boilers or systems Insulation of piping systems
Heating - Oil	 Cleaning Maintenance contracts Repair of oil burner guns Repair or replacement of: Air tubes Blower tubes Fuel lines Motors Oil-level control valves Refractory firepots Stack-control relays Strainer pumps Transformers 	 Installation or replacement of oil furnaces Original installation or replacement of oil tanks Installation or replacement of oil burner guns
Heating - Radiant	 Cleaning of furnace systems Maintenance contracts Repair or replacement of: Balancing valves Circulating pumps Coils Common returns Drain cocks Feed lines Furnace controls Returns Shutoff valves Tanks (to trap air) Thermostats 	 Additions to radian systems Complete replacement of radiant systems Installation of radiant systems
Heating - Solar	 Cleaning Maintenance contracts Repair or maintenance of solar heating systems 	 Additions to permanent solar systems Installation or replacement of permanent solar systems Insulation of piping system

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Heating - Steam	 Cleaning of furnace systems Maintenance contracts Repair or maintenance of: Air vents Drain cocks Drain plugs Piping (sections) Radiators Reducers Safety valves Steam gauges Steam mains Thermostats Water gauges Water supply lines Wet returns 	 Additions to steam systems Installation or replacement of steam boilers or systems Installation of piping systems
Heating - Warm Air Duct System	Repair or replacement of:	 Additions to warm air ducts systems Installations or replacement of warm air duct systems Insulation of duct systems
Heating - Wood Burning Furnace, Stove	 Cleaning Maintenance contracts Installation of wood burning stoves Repair and maintenance of wood burning furnaces or stoves 	Replacement or installation of wood burning furnaces
Hot Water Heaters	 Cleaning Maintenance contracts Repair or replacement of: Anode rods Burners Casing covers Connectors Draft diverters Drain pipes Drain valves Flue baffles, bodies collars Glass inner tanks Heating elements Inlet/outlet pipes Tank linings Temperature control knobs Temperature/pressure valves Thermostats 	Installation or replacement of hot water heaters* *taxable when sold and installed by a retail dealer and the installation is incidental to the sale

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Humidifiers	 Cleaning Maintenance contracts Repair or replacement of: Evaporator pads Fans Motors Trays 	Installation or replacement of permanently installed humidifiers
Kitchens	 Installation of ductless hoods Painting, varnishing or staining of existing kitchen cabinets Repair or maintenance of: Cabinets Countertops Dishwashers Ducted or ductless hoods Exhaust fans Faucets Freezers Garbage disposals Ovens Ranges Refrigerators Sinks Replacement of: Cabinet doors Portions of cabinets Portions of countertops Faucets Portable dishwashers Freezers Ranges Refrigerators 	Installation or replacement of: Built-in refrigerators* Built-in dishwashers* Built-in freezers* Built-in ovens* Built-in ranges* Countertops Ducted hoods Exhaust fans Garbage disposals Kitchen cabinets Sinks Water softeners *taxable when sold and installed by a retail dealer and the installation is incidental to the sale of the appliance Painting, varnishing or staining of new kitchen cabinets See also Electrical, Plumbing and Walls
Miscellaneous	Debris removal from construction sites Installation or replacement of: Attic fans (removeable) Independent smoke or heat detectors mail boxes (installed on wall or post) Satellite dishes Smoke detectors (batter operated) Periodic maintenance services on elevators and escalators Pest control Repair or maintenance of central vacuum systems	 Debris removal from construction sites if done by the contractor Fire sprinkler system installed in ceilings and connected to water supply systems Installation or replacement of: Suspended ceilings Central vacuum systems Attic fans (permanently installed) Labor costs for winter protection, temporary heat, electric and plumbing at construction sites
Painting	Painting or repainting of existing buildings or structures or parts thereof	 Painting of new buildings, structures or additions Painting of any new installations that constitute capital improvements
Patios	 Painting, varnishing or waterproofing existing patios Repair or maintenance of patios Repairing and patching of holes or cracks Replacing sections of concrete patios Replacement of blocks and flagstones 	Complete installation or replacement of: Patio roofs Blacktop patios Concrete patios Flagstone, block or brick patios Wood patios Painting, varnishing or waterproofing new patios

	Repair, Maintenance or Installation of Tangible Personal Property (TAXABLE)	Capital Improvement (EXEMPT)
Plumbing - Piping	 Fixing leaking pipes Removal of roots from sewer pipes Repair of sprinklers, water softeners and well pumps Replacement of: Adapters Bends Branches Bushings Caps Cleanouts Copper tubing sections Coupling sleeves Couplings Elbows Flangers hose Adapters Long sweeps Piping sections Plugs Reducers Sanitary t's Shield and clamp assemblies Soil pipes/traps T-fittings Traps Repair or replacement of: Air chambers Cabinets Relief valves Shutoff valves traps 	 Additions to piping systems Insulation of piping systems Installation or replacement of: Garbage disposals Piping systems Sprinkler systems Water pumps Water softeners
Plumbing - Sinks	 Cleaning Thawing frozen pipes Repair or replacement of: Aerators Bottom cages Couplings Diverter assemblies Escutcheons Faucets Handle assemblies Hose assemblies Hose guides Inlet seals Locknuts Connectors Packing nuts Seats Spouts Stems Traps washers 	Installation or replacement of sinks (including necessary sink fixtures)

	Repair, Maintenance or Installation of Tangible Personal Property (TAXABLE)	Capital Improvement (EXEMPT)
Plumbing	 Cleaning Repair of enclosure Repair or replacement of: Automatic diverters Cartridges Ears Faucet heads Faucets Handles Red flats Retainer clips Shower bases Shower heads Stems Stop tubes Traps washers Unclogging of: Main drain pipes 	 Installation or replacement (including necessary fixtures) of: Shower stalls Sinks Toilets Tub enclosures tubs
	Sink drainsToilet drainsTub/shower drains	
Roofs	 Application of roof coatings or re-saturants to existing roofs Cleaning of all types of roof systems, gutters, downspouts, drains, etc. Repair or replacement of the following items or accessories: Copings Cornices Drip edges Electric heating tape Expansion joints Gutter & downspout systems (partial) Heating cables Louvers & screens Metal or composition valleys Metal ornaments Metal stacks Rain & draft deflectors Shingles (all types) Skylights & scuttles) Snow guards Snow slides Ventilators flashings (all types) Gravel stops & fascia 	 systems including accessories Installation or replacement of complete gutter and downspout systems
Septic Systems	 Cleaning of septic systems Repair or maintenance of: Distribution boxes Dry wells Grease traps Leach fields Lines Seepage pits Septic tanks 	 Installation or replacement of: Distribution boxes Dry wells Grease traps Leach fields Lines Seepage pits Septic tanks
Stairs	 Eliminating squeaks Painting, varnishing or staining of existing stairs Tightening of loose balusters Repair or replacement of: Balusters Handrails Newels Risers Termite damage Trads Wet and dry rot 	 Installation or replacement of sets of stairs or staircases Painting, varnishing or staining of new stairs or staircases

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Sump Pumps	 Installation or replacement of portable sump pumps Repair or replacement (in permanent or portable sump pumps) of: Floats Motors Piping and connectors Pump suction heads Shutoff switches 	 Digging of sump pump holes Installation or replacement of permanent sump pumps
Ventilation	 Installation or replacement of portable attic fans Repair or replacement of the following in permanent or portable attic or exhaust fans: Bearings Blades Motors shutters 	 Installation or replacement of permanent: Attic fans Exhaust fans Roof vents Wind turbines
Walls	 Cleaning Fixing nail pops Painting of existing walls (including murals) Patching cracks Regrouting of ceramic tile Repair of: Dents Split wallboard tape Wet and dry rot Replacement of: Ceramic fixtures Damaged ceramic tiles Existing baseboards, molding, trim Wallboard panels Wood panels Stopping water leaks Taping of existing walls Wallpapering of existing walls 	Baseboards and trim installed in connection with paneling walls Baseboards and trim installed on new walls Complete paneling of new or existing walls Finishing of new walls Installation or replacement of tile walls Installation or replacement of a wall* Insulation of walls Painting of new walls (including murals) Wallpapering of new walls Waterproofing new walls *taxable when sold and installed by a retail dealer and installation is incidental to the sale See Publication TSD-325
Windows	 Applying putty, window film or coating to existing windows Caulking (interior/exterior) Elimination of sticking Installation of: Drapery rods/hardware Shades Valances Venetian blinds Window quilts Lubricating sashes Painting, varnishing or staining of existing windows Weather stripping Repair of: Termite damage Wet and dry rot Window sills Windows 	 connection with original installation Installation or replacement of permanent combination storm windows Installation or replacement of complete windows (frames and sashes) Painting, varnishing or staining of new windows

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Windows, continued	Replacement of: Aprons Balances Frames Hardware (latches, handles, locks, etc.) Inside stops Parting strips Pocket covers Sash balances Sash cords Sash stiles Sash weight pulleys Sash weights Side casings Side jambs Stools Storm window panes or screens Window panes (glass or plastic) Window sills Yoke or head jambs	
Yard Care	 Fertilizing lawns and gardens Garden care Insect control Installation of free standing foundations Lawn care Mowing Pruning or removal of trees or shrubs Repair or replacement of the following in underground lawn sprinkler systems: Centrifugal pumps Pump controllers Remote control valves Sections of piping Sprinkler controllers Sprinkler heads Repair of fences and gates Replacement of fence fabric 	Original installation or complete replacement of: Fences Fountains (exempt free standing) underground lawn sprinkler systems Lawns Planting of shrubs and trees See also Exterior

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