

KBC POLICY FOR UNPLUMBED WATER SOURCES

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Any nail technician, esthetician, shampoo-stylist or cosmetologist providing services that do NOT involve processed chemicals (perms, coloring, etc.) **may** use portable stations that provide an unplumbed water source that meet the following requirements:

- **Clean Water Supply:** It must have a self-contained clean water tank and a minimum of 4-6 gallon holding capacity. The unit must provide a consistent flow of water and must have hot and cold-water capabilities.
- **Water pressure:** Must be between 45-70 psi pressure (preferred 50-60 at per plumbing board).
- **Wastewater:** It must have a self-contained wastewater tank and a direct, approved method to capture and dispose of dirty water. A minimum of 5–7-gallon wastewater tank. The wastewater **MUST** be disposed of through an appropriate drain that meets local and state requirements when full or at the end of each business day, whichever comes first.
- **Materials:** All surfaces must be smooth, non-porous, and easily clean and sanitized/disinfected (such as high-grade plastics or stainless steel.)
- **Disinfection:** The bowl, handles/knobs, neck rest (if applicable), and sprayers must be sanitized/disinfected between each client. The filter screen must be cleaned at minimum every 10 days.

Salons that provide chemical services for hair shall have at least one plumbed bowl.

Schools may have a portable station, but that must be in addition to a minimum of two plumbed bowls.

Anyone using these stations should consider the volume of clients and typical daily water use. A plumbed bowl, while expensive and time-consuming to set-up, may be the best option for your salon to avoid violations. Failure to remove wastewater in a timely manner or follow any other guidelines to meet sanitation expectations will face disciplinary violations.

If a salon or school faces multiple infractions or experiences frequent problems, KBC retains the right to require a plumbed bowl.