

MECHANICAL CODE MANUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION Based on the LACMC

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CONDENSATE DISCHARGE – APPROVED LOCATIONS

The subject of "Approved Point of Discharge" for condensate drain lines from air conditioning units is discussed in the County of Los Angeles Mechanical Code, Section 310.1, and the County of Los Angeles Plumbing Code, Section 814.1. The following is a list of approved locations for the termination of condensate lines:

- Adequately sized planters or lawn areas where unsanitary, unsightly or unsafe conditions will not result. Condensate shall not drain across a parking lot, sidewalk, into the street, etc., where it will drain over a public or private way. A readily accessible on-off switch, mounted on the outside of the heater capable of shutting off the heater without adjusting the thermostat setting.
- 2. Floor sink
- 3. Mop/service sink
- 4. Roof receptor the rim must be two (2) inches higher than the roof, trapped and vented, and connected to the plumbing drainage system.
- 5. Tailpiece of an approved plumbing fixture or bathtub overflow the connection shall be located in the area controlled by the same person controlling the air-conditioned space.
- 6. Roof drain only when the drain piping connects directly with a storm drain system or discharges to a point as described in Item No. 1 above.

Condensate shall not discharge to the following locations:

- 1. Plumbing vents
- 2. On the roof
- 3. Smitty pans
- 4. Roof drains except as noted above
- 5. Sidewalks, parking lots, streets, or over any other public way
- 6. Funnel drains or hub drains

PVC is approved for condensate drain line use in both residential and commercial construction (PVC pipes installed outdoors shall be protected from sun exposure).

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