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Kitchen Plumbing

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Q1

Can I add a pot filler to my kitchen?

Yes, you can add a pot filler to your kitchen, but it requires running a new water line behind your stove and will need a plumbing permit in Ottawa. This is definitely a job for a licensed plumber due to the pipe routing and code requirements involved.

A **pot filler installation** involves extending your cold water supply line to the area above your cooktop, typically 18-20 inches above the cooking surface. The plumber will need to route new piping through your wall cavity, which often means opening up drywall to access the area behind the stove. The pot filler connects to your existing cold water supply - most homeowners choose cold water only since you'll be heating the water anyway when cooking.

In Ottawa, this type of plumbing modification requires a permit since you're adding a new fixture and modifying your water supply system. The installation needs to meet Ontario Building Code requirements for proper support, shutoff valves, and backflow prevention. Your licensed plumber will handle the permit application and ensure the work meets all local requirements.

Installation considerations include making sure you have adequate water pressure (pot fillers need good flow), planning the exact height and reach you want, and coordinating with any kitchen renovation work. If you're doing a kitchen remodel, it's much easier and less expensive to add the pot filler during the renovation when walls are already open.

Cost-wise in Ottawa, expect to pay \$800-\$1,500 for pot filler installation depending on how difficult it is to route the new water line and whether any wall repairs are needed. The pot filler fixture itself ranges from \$200-\$800 depending on style and finish.

For a free estimate on adding a pot filler to your kitchen, request a quote from Ottawa Pro Plumbing - we can assess your specific setup and handle the permit process.

Q2

Should I get a single or double bowl kitchen sink?

The choice between single and double bowl kitchen sinks depends on your cooking habits, kitchen size, and personal preferences. Most Ottawa homeowners find double bowls more versatile for daily use, while single bowls work better for serious cooks and smaller kitchens.

Double bowl sinks offer the most flexibility for typical households. You can wash dishes in one side while using the other for food prep, rinsing vegetables, or defrosting items. This setup works especially well if you don't have a dishwasher or prefer hand-washing delicate items. The separate bowls also help with organization during meal prep and cleanup.

Single bowl sinks provide maximum space for washing large pots, baking sheets, and roasting pans that won't fit comfortably in divided sinks. They're ideal if you do a lot of cooking, have a dishwasher for most dishes, or have limited counter space where a larger single bowl makes more sense. Many professional-style kitchens favor single bowls for their versatility.

Consider your kitchen workflow when deciding. If you frequently multitask while cooking - like washing vegetables while soaking dishes - a double bowl serves you better. If you primarily need space for large cookware and rely on your dishwasher, a single bowl maximizes functionality.

Installation considerations in Ottawa homes include ensuring your cabinet can accommodate your choice. Double bowls typically require at least a 33-inch cabinet, while large single bowls might need 30-36 inches. Your plumber will also need to consider the drain configuration, as double bowls require either a center drain or dual drains.

For most Ottawa families, a 60/40 offset double bowl (one large, one small basin) offers the best compromise - space for large items in the main bowl while maintaining the flexibility of a second basin for multitasking.

Q3

How do I hook up an ice maker water line?

Ice maker water line installation requires connecting a cold water supply line to your refrigerator, typically involving tapping into an existing water line and running tubing to the appliance. This project requires careful planning and often needs permits in Ottawa.

Planning the water source is your first step. Most installations tap into the cold water line under your kitchen sink, though you can also connect to a basement water line if it's closer. You'll need to install a saddle valve or tee fitting to create the connection point. The water line itself is usually 1/4" copper tubing or braided stainless steel, which runs from this connection point to the back of your refrigerator.

The installation process involves shutting off your home's main water supply, installing the connection fitting, and carefully routing the water line to avoid kinks or damage. The tubing typically runs through cabinets, along

baseboards, or through the floor to reach the refrigerator. At the appliance end, you'll connect to the refrigerator's water inlet valve, usually located at the bottom back of the unit.

Ottawa building requirements may require permits for this type of plumbing modification, especially if you're adding new water connections. City of Ottawa requirements may vary - confirm with your licensed plumber whether permits are needed for your specific installation. The connection must meet Ontario Building Code standards for potable water systems.

Safety considerations are important here. Improper connections can cause significant water damage if they leak or fail. Many homeowners underestimate the complexity of properly sealing connections and routing lines without creating future problems. Professional installation typically costs \$200-400 in Ottawa and includes proper permits and warranty coverage.

For a reliable installation that meets local codes, consider getting a free consultation from Ottawa Pro Plumbing to discuss your specific kitchen layout and water line options.

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