



IMC 303 starts with the type: appliance vs equipment. Fuel-fired appliances are not in sleeping rooms, bathrooms, toilet rooms, storage closets, or surgical rooms unless an exception in 303.3 actually applies — and is drawn.

Original Masterbuild PE packet from Daily Code Talk on 2024 IMC 303. Confirm the adopted FBC Mechanical edition and the listing. This is not a location approval for your water heater.

- ☐ **Type first. Appliance = listed device that conditions air/water/space. Equipment = ducts, dampers, louvers, piping, controls.**
The location rules follow the type.

- ☐ **303.3: fuel-fired appliances not in (or taking combustion air from) sleeping rooms, bathrooms, toilet rooms, storage closets.**
A note without a room is a comment. M-001 has to say the prohibition; M-101 has to show the room name.

- ☐ **Closet or alcove only if listed. Outdoor only if outdoor-listed.**
Pits have floor, side, curb, control-side, and flood rules — draw them. 303.8: no mechanical in elevator shafts.

The fail we see first

The closet that used to be a bathroom. Field substitutions put water heaters where 303.3 does not.

What to send: the room the appliance sits in (or the photo), the cut sheet, and whether it is replacement or new.
Direct-vent vs atmospheric matters.

Send the comments. Not the County guideline.

Folio (does it start with 30?), process or UP number, and the comments PDF. Masterbuild will say which row is actually open.

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