



An existing chimney can look serviceable from the room or roof and still fail internally. Cleaning is not proof the liner is continuous and sound. The full path — connector inlet through liner or vent wall to the termination — has to be free of obstructions and combustible deposits, and free of cracks, gaps, and perforations that would let gases, moisture, or creosote escape.

Original Masterbuild PE packet from Daily Code Talk on 2024 IMC 801.18.2. Confirm the adopted edition. Distinct from the 801.18 four gates and liner compatibility (801.15–801.16). Gas-fired reuse follows the adopted fuel-gas code, not IMC 801 alone. This is not a chimney inspection.

- ☐ **The flue-gas passageway must be free of obstructions and combustible deposits. A passageway previously used for solid fuel is not proof of continuity.**
Cleaning and continuity are separate questions.
- ☐ **The flue liner, chimney inner wall, or vent inner wall must be continuous and free of cracks, gaps, perforations, damage, or deterioration.**
Where an oil-fired appliance connects to existing masonry, the chimney flue must be repaired or relined in accordance with NFPA 31.
- ☐ **On the set: prior fuel use, inspection and cleaning scope, evidence returned, defects mapped, repair/reline/replace/reject/reuse.**
Do not accept a chimney from an exterior-only look or a generic “existing to remain” note. Do not treat a sweeping invoice as acceptance.

The fail we see first

Swept before replacement — cracked clay liner never addressed. Deposits are gone; gases, moisture, or creosote can still leak into concealed construction.

What to send: prior fuel if known, photos of the interior if you have them, and whether anyone has a cleaning invoice being treated as the reuse decision.

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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