



When the old appliance comes out, its chimney or vent opening does not take care of itself. Abandoned inlets have to be closed by an approved method — not “cap by contractor.”

Original Masterbuild PE packet from Daily Code Talk on 2024 IMC 801.8. Confirm the adopted edition. Distinct from existing chimney reuse (801.18). Gas-fired appliances also follow the fuel-gas code. This is not a flue design.

☐ **Trigger: appliance removed, relocated, converted to direct-vent or electric, or an old connector demolished.**
The opening that is left behind has to be closed by an approved method, with a material compatible with the chimney or vent still in service.

☐ **Show connector removal and the closure together.**
An appliance schedule that lists removals with no matching abandonment note is incomplete.

☐ **A multi-appliance chimney where one unit is replaced and an old tie-in is never traced is the usual miss.**
That leftover opening undermines draft on the remaining appliances and can be a fire-separation gap.

The fail we see first

“Cap by contractor” is not a detail. Ask where the old appliance used to connect — not only where the new one connects. Closing one opening can change draft for whatever is still firing.

What to send: what is coming out, photos of the chimney and every visible connector, whether another appliance stays on that chimney, and the new appliance cut sheet.

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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