

**No: 2005 OPSC Section 420.0  
2005 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code****Subject:** Limitation of Hot Water In Bathtubs**Code Section:** 420.0**Code Edition:** 2005 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**Date:** November 15, 2005**Question:**

1. Do I have to have a separate temperature ballancing valve for a bathtub?
2. Can I use the water heater thermostat to control the water temperature for a bathtub?

**Answer:**

1. No, the code section does not specify a temperature balancing valve is required.
2. Yes, the code section does not prohibit this as a method of limiting the hot water temperature at the bathtub.

Note: [See 2005 ORSC Interpretation of Section P2715.2.](#)**Contact:** Terry Swisher, Chief Plumbing Inspector  
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