

# Connecticut Home & Garden

## KITCHEN + BATH FIXTURES

what's **new**, what's **not**,  
what to look for this year ...

"Clean lines and simple designs are in. My favorite design this year is a new line from Italy called Gessi; it's very new and not like anything else on market," says *Steve Berger of Modern Plumbing Supply in New Milford*. "I've seen more freestanding bathroom 'art pieces' going into baths as they become bigger and more of a focal point in the design of the house."

"Whirlpool tubs are out, having been replaced by **air-bubble-massage tubs** and by **master showers with two or three functions**—showerheads, hand sprays and body sprays," according to *John Anderson of The Creative Bath in Brookfield*. Without a doubt, "consumers are more aware of **green products** such as Kohler's Persuade and Saile Dual-Flush toilets and Grohe's Watercare faucets. As new products go, my personal favorite is Kohler's DTV (digital thermostatic shower valve) with media plug-in to control lighting, steam and music in the shower."

**ALLEN'S PLUMBING SUPPLY**, 145 Bank St., Seymour, 203/888-5105 (allenplumbingsupply.com). Offers whirlpools, lighting and faucets, among other kitchen and bath products. Brands include Eljer, Mansfield, Kohler and Bertch.

**BATH FITTER**, 262 Ellington Rd., South Windsor, 877/355-8555; 2 Boston Post Rd., Unit 1, Old Saybrook, 877/534-8837 (bathfitter.com). Provides complete bathroom remodeling services, specializing in one-day installation.

**BENDER PLUMBING SUPPLY**, 395 James St., Bridgeport, 203/579-4499; 550 Grand Ave., New Haven, 800/573-4288; 145 Cherry St., Waterbury, 203/756-8013 (benderplumbing.com). In addition to Kohler products, carries Delta, Elkay, Franke, Grohe, Jado, Crane, Fiat, Gerber, Mansfield and Sterling.

**BEST PLUMBING TILE & STONE**, 1989 West Main St. (Rte. 1), Stamford, 203/975-9448; 830 Central

Ave., Scarsdale, N.Y., 914/723-2002; Rte. 202 (Staples Plaza), Yorktown Heights, N.Y., 914/736-2468; 49 Rte. 138, Somers, N.Y., 914/232-2020. Hundreds of photos, videos and renovation ideas online at [bestplg.com](http://bestplg.com). Featuring a 2,000-square-foot tile and stone gallery, registered Kohler showroom. Complimentary consultations; family-owned and -operated since 1960.

**CUNNINGHAM SUPPLY COMPANY**, 45 Connolly Dr., Old Saybrook, 860/388-4424 (cunninghamsupply.net). Kohler Premier Showroom. Carries numerous brands, including Delta, Elkay, Jacuzzi and Fiat.

**FRANK WEBB'S BATH CENTERS**, 150 Locust St., Hartford, 860/524-5552; 737 Bank St., Waterbury, 203/574-5959 (frankwebb.com). Kitchen, bar and bath faucets; kitchen and bath fixtures; tubs, showers and whirlpool baths.

**KITCHEN & BATH GALLERY**, 640 Boston Post Rd., Guilford, 203/453-4358 (kitchenbathgallery.com). Carries Kohler, plus Brizo, Delta, Elkay, Grohe, Moen and Sigma.

**KITCHEN ELEGANCE**, 1255 Middlebury Rd., Middlebury, 203/758-1721 (kitchenelegance.com). Specializes in custom kitchens and baths.

**LITCO SUPPLY INC.**, 261 Oak Ave., Torrington, 860/489-4179 (litcosupply.com). Plumbing products include Kohler, plus Aristocraft, Chicago Brass, Delta, Elkay, Fiat, Maax, Moen and Sterling.

■ **LUXURY BATH CENTER AT TORRINGTON SUPPLY CO.**, 100 N. Elm St., Waterbury, 877/589-8796; 87 Union St., New Haven, 203/867-4096; 9 Segar St., Danbury, 203/791-9344; 633 Hope St., Stamford, 203/977-8350 (luxurybathcenter.com). Features contemporary and traditional fixtures and faucets, including Toto, American Standard, Porcher, Duravit, Grohe and Dornbracht.

**MIDDLETOWN/WINNELSON BEAUTIFUL BATHS**, 120 DeKoven Dr., Middletown, 860/344-1866 (middletownwinnelson.com). Carries Toto toilets; Maax, Hydro Systems and Aquatic tubs; Woodpro and

Strasser vanities; and Moen, Lowell and Aqua Brass faucets and more.

**MODERN PLUMBING SUPPLY**, 101 Danbury Rd., New Milford, 860/354-4448; 152 Berlin Tpke., Berlin, 860/829-1778; 234 Middle St., Middletown, 860/346-6030 (modernplumbing.biz).

Offers a wide range of upscale plumbing fixtures including Toto, Ultra, Rohl, Julien, Jado, Grohe, Hansgrohe, Sonia, Gessi, Dornbrecht, Fairmont, Woodpro and more.

**THE NEW SHEPARD SUPPLY CO.**, 369 Talcottville Rd. (Rte. 83), Vernon, 860/875-2545 (middlesexsupply.com). Plumbing showroom features operational sinks and tubs, plus Whirlpool and Acrylic Air tubs and showers.

**PACIFIC PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY CO.**, 235 Westport Ave. (Rte. 1), Norwalk, 203/847-1572 (pacificbaths.net). Carries Kohler, Grohe, Jason, Oceana, Moen and California. Complete line of products includes bathtubs, hardware and accessories, whirlpools, showers, vanities, toilets, sinks for kitchen and bath, bidets and faucets.

**RIDGEFIELD GLASS**, 4 Danbury Rd., Ridgefield, 203/438-3105 (ridgefieldglass.com). Shower and tub enclosures, insulated glass and custom mirrors.

**SACHS PLUMBING SUPPLIES**, 200 Richmond Hill Ave., Stamford, 203/325-1355 (sachsplumbingsupplies.com). Newly renovated showroom displays a wide range of faucets, sinks, toilets, shower systems and other fixtures.

**THE GRANITE GROUP**, 553 Goldstar Hwy., Groton, 860/446-1140 (thegranitegroup.com). An

extensive selection of products for plumbing, heating and A/C.

■ **SWI SHOWER DOORS**, 290 Prospect Ave., Hartford, 860/232-0010 (swishowers.com). Sells custom, frameless, European-style shower enclosures.

**THE CREATIVE BATH**, 317 Federal Rd., Brookfield, 203/775-5050 (thecreativebath.com). Features showers, tubs, doors and accessories by Kohler, plus kitchen faucets and sinks. Also carries Grohe and Moen faucets as well as Woodpro and Bertch cabinets.

**TUBS & STUFF PLUMBING SUPPLY**, 41 Clifton Ave., Ansonia, 203/734-8827; 336 Hazard Ave., Enfield, 860/749-4114 (tubsandstuffct.com). Showrooms display faucets, whirlpools, showers, steam showers, bath furniture, countertops; all types of toilets, shower doors, tubs, shower systems and bath fixtures.

**WATERWARE**, a division of Plimpton & Hills, 30 Federal Rd., Danbury, 203/743-9221; 2 Brainard Rd., Hartford, 800/842-8172; 146 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, 203/332-4273; 1 Research Dr., Stamford, 203/965-5959 (plimptonhills.com/waterware/waterwarenew). Distributors of kitchen, bath and accessory products from around the world. Featuring Kohler and other fine designer brands as well as standard economical offerings.

**WATERWORKS**, 29 Park Ave., Danbury, 203/792-9979 (by appointment only); 60 Backus Ave., Danbury, 203/546-6000; 23 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, 203/869-7766; 181 Main St., Westport, 203/227-5008; for store locations and catalog sales, 800/899-6757 (waterworks.com). □

