



Planning & Development Department



INSPECTION GUIDELINES

The value and safety of your structure rely heavily on obtaining a building permit prior to construction. A building permit is your reassurance that your building plans, as well as the structure you build, will be inspected for minimum code safety.

Your permit is valid for 180 days. However, you may apply in writing for a one-time extension prior to the expiration of your permit. Please schedule a final inspection once your project is ready for occupancy. A final inspection is mandatory prior to occupancy. An inspector will check for any hazards or unsafe construction to ensure your family has a safe place to work and live.

A building permit with all inspection approvals may also affect the resale value of your home. Many insurance companies do not recognize structures, additions or remodeling installed without a permit and inspection. Many unfortunate situations have occurred when individuals have built without a permit. For instance, insurance companies may negate a policy if damage occurs in an area built without a permit. So, protect your investment with a building permit.

Read the details below to expedite the inspection process:

- Post address on site, visible from the street, to assist the inspector in locating your construction site.
- Post permit so it is visible from the street for the reasons below:
 - Notifies neighbors that the construction being done by you or a licensed contractor is being checked for local code requirements.
 - Works as a reminder for you to call the Inspection Services Division for inspections as indicated on the permit.
 - Assists Building Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers with property identification.
- Provide the following items during a requested inspection:
 - Approved plans (on site).
 - Ladders, flashlights, etc.
 - Stake out property lines so Inspector can identify them.
 - Remember to leave work exposed until it has been inspected (and/or re-inspected) and approved.
- Lock/chain-up loose animals. Inspectors will not enter an area where animals are loose.
- Call Inspection Services at 602-506-3692 before 2:30 p.m. to obtain an inspection for the following day.
- Due to the large numbers of inspections scheduled each day and the distance between inspections, we are unable to provide an estimated time of arrival. However, you may call 602-506-3695, after 4:00 p.m., and staff will verify that you are on the following day's inspection list.
- Follow the above instructions to ensure you are not charged a re-inspection fee. If an inspector has to re-inspect work, a re-inspection fee will apply. Additional inspections will not be completed until this fee is collected.

CONTACT INFORMATION		
Service Area		Telephone Number
Inspection Services	2:30 p.m. cut off time for the following day's inspection	602-506-3692
Building Safety–Plan Reviewer	Structure	602-506-7147
Zoning	Land Use	602-506-3201
Environmental Services	Septic	602-506-6616