

New Codes



Effective January 1, 2020, the new 2019 editions of the California Building Codes will be in effect statewide. These codes are based on the 2018 editions of the international codes (2017 NEC for electrical) that are amended by various state agencies and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission. They include:

- The California Building Code, Volumes 1 & 2 (Title 24, Part 2)
- The California Residential Code (Title 24, Part 2.5)
- The California Electrical Code (Title 24, Part 3)
- The California Mechanical Code (Title 24, Part 4)
- The California Plumbing Code (Title 24, Part 5)
- The California Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6)
- The California Historical Building Code (Title 24, Part 8)
- The California Fire Code (Title 24, Part 9)
- The California Existing Building Code (Title 24, Part 10)
- The California Green Building Code (Title 24, Part 11)
- The California Referenced Standards Code (Title 24, Part 12)

When does my project need to comply with the new codes?

Projects submitted on January 1, 2020 and later must comply with the new code editions. Projects in plan check prior to the effective date will be under the current codes.

Are there significant changes in the new codes?

- The installation of solar photovoltaic systems for all new SFD's and Multi-family units of 3 habitable stories or less will become mandatory.
- In residential buildings that are remodeled, all non-compliant plumbing fixtures require replacement with water conserving plumbing fixtures prior to final inspection or issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.