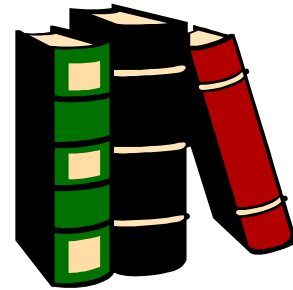


# New Codes



Effective Jan 1, 2017, the new 2016 editions of the California Building Codes will be in effect statewide. These codes are based on the 2015 editions of the international codes (2014 NEC for electrical) that are amended by various state agencies and adopted by the 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 Green Building Code (Title 24, Part 11)
- 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)

Where do I purchase the new codes? The Building Standards Commission's website lists the following sources.

International Code Council (ICC)

[www.shop.iccsafe.org](http://www.shop.iccsafe.org).

800-786-4452

International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)

[www.iapm-membership.org](http://www.iapm-membership.org)

(909)472-4208

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) / BNi Books  
[www.bnibooks.com](http://www.bnibooks.com)  
(888)264-2665

In addition, the following local libraries may have the codes available for reference.

- Escondido Public Library
- San Diego Public Library
- San Diego County Library
- Science & Industry Dept.
- Governmental Reference Library
- Oceanside Public Library
- San Diego State University
- Malcolm A. Love Library

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

Projects submitted on Jan 1, 2017 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?

Not really, most of the changes this code cycle are formatting changes to make the codes easier to use. The energy code and Green Building Code has been written to conform to California's policy that all new residential buildings by 2020 and all new commercial buildings by 2030 have a "zero net energy" footprint. As more information on the revisions becomes available, we will try to make it available.

Will training seminars be available on the new codes?

Yes, the San Diego Area Chapter ICC is planning to provide various seminars. Notices will be posted when available.