



# WHEN TO CALL FOR INSPECTIONS

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If you have questions for an inspector, they are available from 8:00 am- 8:30 am Monday thru Friday.

## Residential Structures

Inspection requests can be made by phone or faxed 24 hours a day for an inspection on the following work day. Inspectors may be reached in the office between 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., to discuss problems or to arrange special inspection times for the following day.

The general contractor/owner-builder or his duly authorized representative is responsible for verifying that all work is complete prior to requesting an inspection. If the work is not ready at time of inspection you may be subject to reinspection fees. This authorized representative shall also be responsible for walking with the inspector on all inspections and for coordinating all of his sub-contractors duties relevant to correction items cited by the inspector. Re-inspections will be made as requested by the applicant after all corrections have been made.

The following sequence should provide a guideline for clarifying when to call for inspections. Deviation from this sequence may be arranged with the inspector if sufficient reasons or conditions exist and code compliance can be met without adverse effects.

**FOUNDATION INSPECTION:** To be made after excavations for footings are complete and all forms and required reinforcing bars are in place. Rough underground waste plumbing to be in place, completely installed, including all required cleanouts and provided with a water test (cap all ends and openings and provide a 10 foot head of water above the highest fitting to be tested). Hold down anchors will be required to be fixed in place prior to inspection approval. The main grounding system shall be installed (ufer).

**CONCRETE SLAB OR UNDER-FLOOR INSPECTION:** To be made after slab grading is

complete and all required vapor barriers and slab reinforcement is installed as per plans. All under-slab or under-floor piping and other ancillary equipment items are in place and protected from contact with concrete. Screenshot boards or string lines shall be furnished by the contractor or owner to facilitate inspection of the slab thickness. This inspection must be performed and approved before placement of concrete slab or floor sheathing.

## ROOF SHEATHING/EXTERIOR SHEAR

**INSPECTION:** To be made after all roof sheathing is in place and nailed as per the approved plans, but before any roofing materials are applied or loaded on the roof. Any required plywood panels on exterior walls must also be nailed per the approved plans and inspected before being covered by exterior finish materials. The contractor is responsible for providing an approved ladder for safe roof access.

**MASONRY FIREPLACE INSPECTION:** The following inspections must be called for during the construction of masonry fireplaces.

- A. Footing (may be done during foundation inspection).
- B. Throat (before chimney construction, after fire box construction).
- C. Anchor Strap (at each plate line).
- D. Bond Beam (before grouting of chimney).

The common practice of grouting as the fireplace chimney goes up is allowed only if arrangements have been made with the building inspector.

**SUB-FRAME INSPECTION:** To be made after foundations have been poured and piers, girders and floor joists for a raised floor system are in place.

**FRAME INSPECTION:** To be made after all framing and roofing is completed (or material loaded and roof made substantially weather tight). All rough plumbing, mechanical and electrical installations must be in place. Water supply piping (hot and cold) shall be under pressure and all showers and/or tubs shall be

filled with water. All drain, waste and vent piping shall be filled with water to 10 feet above the highest fitting or joint, or through the roof. The fireplace must be completed. Stucco lath must be in place and nailed as per approved plans. Window frames and exterior door frames must be in place and properly flashed.

**INSULATION INSPECTION:** To be made after all required insulation is in place, openings caulked and required sealing done. Under floor insulation inspection will be made prior to installation of the floor sheathing.

**DRYWALL INSPECTION:** To be made after all drywall (or exterior lath) and all attachments are fastened in place as per the approved plans. To be approved before scratch-coat is applied and before any drywall mud is applied.

**SEWER CONNECTION AND WATER SERVICE FROM METER TO HOUSE INSPECTION:** To be made after trenches are dug, piping is in place and the appropriate test is applied. The general contractor is responsible for supplying the inspector with an accurate as-built drawing showing locations of these lines. This inspection must be done before any piping is covered or trenches back-filled.

**STUCCO SCRATCH-COAT INSPECTION:** To be done after stucco scratch-coat is applied and dry. Stucco wire must be substantially covered with plaster. Plaster must have a scratched texture and be substantially hard. Scratch-coat must be inspected and approved (and allowed to set a minimum of 48 hours) before brown-coat is applied.

**GAS LINE AIR TEST INSPECTION:** To be done after drywall is in place and brown-coat plaster and/or exterior siding is in place. Test requires the entire gas line to be capped off and a pressure of 10 psi be pumped into the line by the contractor. This pressure must hold for a minimum of 15 minutes.

**FINAL INSPECTION:** To be made when structure is ready for occupancy. This shall include proper lot drainage, address posted, all plumbing fixtures connected and operable, all electrical fixtures and devices in place and electrically connected, insulation

certificate posted, structure clean of debris or stored materials, thermal mass areas and hearth extensions (if any) installed as per approved plans (other floor coverings are optional), wall finishes complete as per approved plans, etc.

Please be advised that all final inspections must be cleared (in writing) before utilities are released. This includes final clearance from not only the Building Department, but also the Planning, Public Works, Fire, and Parks and Recreation Departments. After obtaining finals on all active permits, come into the City and start your process for a Certificate of Occupancy.