

INSPECTIONS

ALL PROJECTS MUST BE INSPECTED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR...THIS IS THE REASON FOR A BUILDING PERMIT! Smaller projects may require only one or two inspections, but ALL projects must have at minimum a final inspection. IN ALL CASES, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERMIT HOLDER (CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR OR HOMEOWNER) TO CALL FOR INSPECTIONS.

Please call for inspections at least 24 hours in advance - more if possible. If leaving a message on the answering machine, indicate the type of inspection required, and the address of the project. In most cases the inspection will be done the following week day morning.

- The permit card must be on the site at the time of inspection
- All required preceding inspections (plumbing, wiring, etc) must be signed off before calling for inspection from the Building Inspector.
- It is expected that the permit holder (Construction Supervisor or Homeowner) will be on site at the time of inspection.

FOOTINGS

Completed footings are inspected before placing forms for foundation walls. For pier foundations (eg. Sonotubes) footing depth is inspected before pouring piers. In other words, the holes are inspected for proper depth and location.

FOUNDATION WALLS

Poured concrete or block foundations are inspected immediately prior to backfill. This means that any required footing drainage, foundation insulation and damp proofing / water proofing must be complete.

FRAMING

All new framing must be inspected prior to covering up. Framing is inspected immediately prior to insulation. Any required rough inspections for plumbing or electrical must be completed and signed off on the permit card prior to calling for a framing inspection.

- In residential construction, be certain that all penetrations between floors, such as around pipes, cables, etc. are sealed with a NON COMBUSTIBLE fire stop material (rated to ASTM E-136) - these designations must appear on the package (usually a caulking tube). If you have questions regarding this requirement, please call before asking for an inspection.

INSULATION - Energy Code compliance

Insulation is inspected immediately before covering. In some cases, insulation which may be seen at a later time such as a basement ceiling or attic floor (blown in after ceiling finish) may not be in place until after wall and ceiling covering is installed. These may be inspected during the final inspection.

- R-values of insulation must match or exceed values indicated on energy code compliance report filed with your permit application.
- A white NFRC label is attached to every new window and door by the manufacturer. These must be left in place for the Building Inspector. The "Residential U-Value" on these labels must comply with the energy code compliance report filed with your permit application. If the labels are missing, verification of the U-value for each unit will have to be obtained from the manufacturer.

FINAL

Final inspection is done when all work covered by the permit is complete.

- All other required inspections (plumbing, electrical, fire department, driveway, etc.) must be done and signed off on the permit card prior to calling for a final inspection.
- **Occupying a newly constructed or renovated building or space prior to final inspection by the Building Inspector is a violation of the Massachusetts State Building Code.**

FOR INSPECTIONS CALL (413) 296-0127