



Stay Informed About Maine's New Building Codes

Maine is implementing new statewide building codes to make construction of homes and commercial buildings more safe, efficient, and sustainable. These updated codes ensure that all buildings meet modern standards for structural integrity, energy efficiency, and indoor air quality.

What you need to know...

- The updated codes are required by law and apply to both new construction and renovations.
- They include improvements to residential and commercial building standards, energy efficiency, and ventilation requirements.
- Compliance is required for new buildings and renovations in the state, with training support available for code enforcement officers and builders in multiple locations statewide.
- **Effective Date:** The new codes are effective as of **April 7, 2025**.

Why these changes matter...

- **Safer Buildings:** Improved structural guidelines will help protect homes and businesses from natural disasters and wear over time.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Improved energy efficiency standards will reduce heating and cooling costs and promote clean energy.
- **Healthier Indoor Environments:** Better ventilation and radon protection measures will improve indoor air quality.
- **Consistency Statewide:** A uniform code ensures minimum standards of construction and clarity for builders, contractors, and homeowners.



These updates are effective as of April 7, 2025. For more details, including on upcoming trainings for code enforcement officers and building professionals, visit the State Fire Marshal's Office website.

<https://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/building-codes>