

NEWS AND EVENTS

Affordable Housing Design Guidebook Now Available

The City of Edmonton is excited to announce the release of the Affordable Housing Accessible Design Guidebook - the final installment in the City's three-part guidebook series to support more successful, sustainable and inclusive affordable housing development.

This new resource is for housing providers, developers, builders and design teams looking to make accessibility a shared goal, not an afterthought. [Read more and find the guidebook.](#)

Lot Grading Changes for 2025

The Lot Grading Unit is announcing the following key changes to the lot grading process that will take effect during the 2025 season. These changes apply to all non-residential (commercial, industrial, institutional) developments, large scale residential developments (apartments, row houses and other residential developments with multiple buildings), mixed-use (a mix of residential and non-residential) developments, and temporary structures such as storage sheds and sea cans. [Read more about the changes.](#) Here also is a [summary of the changes.](#)

SAFETY CODES & PERMIT UPDATES

Accurate Building Permit Applications Avoid Electrical Inspection Delays

To avoid delays with future electrical inspections, it's crucial to accurately complete your application without errors.

When applying, you'll encounter a question about buried power lines between the main building and any accessory buildings. If your project does not include a buried line from your house to an accessory building, selecting "yes" for this question will create an unnecessary inspection process, incur a fee and could delay your final home inspection.

Additionally, if you plan to complete a future detached garage or backyard home under a Home Improvement Permit (HIP), and you've already indicated a buried line on your main house building permit, please do not select "yes" again on the HIP application. Answering "yes" on both permits for the same underground power line will create duplicate inspection processes and additional fees, leading to complications during the final building inspection.

If there is a parking pad requiring only a receptacle, please use this line in the application to answer yes.

Building Permit Application Queue Dashboard

Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections would like to remind applicants of the online resource for conveniently tracking the status of their applications. This service, which has been available for some time, continues to provide valuable transparency and real-time updates on submissions.

Applicants can consistently check the progress of their building permit applications by referencing the Building Permit Application Queue dashboard, which is regularly updated and accessible on the City's website. This resource has proven to be a valuable tool, offering insight into current processing times and helping applicants anticipate when their permit may be issued. [Read more here.](#)