



NOTICE REGARDING UPDATED BUILDING CODES

The State of New Hampshire adopted a new state Building Code (RSA 155-A), transitioning from the 2009 ICC codes to the 2015 ICC codes. The updated codes became effective September 15, 2019. Projects that were approved prior to that date will be allowed to continue using the codes in effect at the time of approval.

All codes in effect in New Hampshire as of September 15, 2019 include the following:

- 2015 International Building Code - IBC
- 2015 International Residential Code - IRC
- 2015 International Plumbing Code - IPC
- 2015 International Mechanical Code - IMC
- 2015 International Existing Building Code - IEBC
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code - IECC
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code - ISPSA (this is a new stand-alone code; all pool and spa requirements have been removed from the IBC and IRC)
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1
- 2015 Life Safety Code, NFPA 101 (previously adopted)

Several of these codes also have amendments to address New Hampshire-specific concerns. These amendments can be found on the NH Building Code Review Board (BCRB) website at: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/bldgexhibits.html>. For further code-related information available from the State of New Hampshire, see the following website: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/nhstatebldgcode.html>.

If you have questions or concerns about a specific project, please contact the Department of Planning and Land Use at (603) 527-4727. PDF guides detailing the changes from the 2009 to the 2015 codes can be purchased from ICC through the following link: <https://shop.iccsafe.org/catalogsearch/result/?cat=&q=+2015+transition+from+2009>.

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