

LAPORTE COUNTY  
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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OR HOMEOWNERS**

**INSPECTIONS**

The following inspections must be made and apply to all new residential construction, additions, and remodels. The contractor or owner should call the Plan Commission office in advance of the day the inspection will be needed. The building inspector is in the office from 8:00-8:30 a.m., 'Monday through Friday. If you have any questions on building codes, we ask that you call the inspectors cell phones (located on the last page).

**A. FOUNDATION AND FRAMING**

1. Footing Inspection:

(Pre-pour) will be made after footing areas are excavated and formed; if needed; and any requiring reinforcing steel is in place and prior to the placing of concrete. Vertical rebar is required, per IRC table. The permit holder or his agent shall notify the Building Officials by phone or in person not less than 24 hours prior to placing of concrete. In the event the inspection has not been made and said 24 hours has elapsed, the placement of concrete may proceed.

2. Foundation Inspection:

(Pre-pour) foundation for a crawl space or basement. Anchor bolts and or straps are to be placed 7" into concrete. Anchor bolts to be 1/2" x 10"; bolts to be placed 12" from corners, 6' spacing and 12" from each splice. For a concrete block wall, an inspection is required.

3. Plumbing Embedded Inspection:

Prior to placing of concrete.

4. Backfill Inspection:

When either crawl space or basement foundations have been poured, vents, basement windows, emergency escape openings, foundation anchorage, drain tile and foundation sealer applied when required, but **before backfill** is placed.

5. Frame Inspection:

Will be made after the roof, masonry, all framing, fire stopping, and bracing are in place.

6. **Roof**, prior to shingles

**Siding and Air Barrier** after prep, but before siding.

## **B. PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL:**

1. **Rough Inspections:**

Must be made prior to covering or concealment.

2. **Pre-Insulation:**

All fire caulking.

3. **Insulation:**

Must be made prior to wall covering.

4. Gas pressure test (20# for 24 hours)
5. Fireplace

## **FAILURE TO HAVE THESE INSPECTIONS WILL RESULT IN FINES**

## **INSPECTIONS TO BE CALLED ALONG THE WAY:**

Footings		Foundation		Backfill	
Plumbing Embedded		Framing		Gas	
Plumbing Rough		Electrical Rough		HVAC Rough	
Electrical Service		Electrical Upgrade		Fireplace/Ins	
Roofing		Siding		Pre-Insulation	
Insulation		C/O			

## **C. OTHER INSPECTIONS:**

In addition to the called inspections above, the Building Department may make or require any other inspections to ascertain compliance with the code and other laws enforced by the Building Department.

## **FINAL INSPECTIONS:**

### 1. Final Inspections:

Final inspections **are to be made** after building is completed and **before** building is occupied. 48 hours' notice will be needed for final inspection.

Work shall not be done on any part of the building or structure beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining the written approval of the Building Official. Such written approval shall be given only after an inspection shall have been made of each successive step in the construction as indicated by each of the inspection required above.

## **ABSOLUTELY NO PUTTING PERSONAL ITEMS INTO HOUSE BEFORE THE C/O**

## **FOR BUILDING QUESTIONS:**

*The inspectors are in the office Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. ONLY!!! To answer any questions, you may call their cell phones:*

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## **SCHEDULING OF INSPECTIONS:**

**TELEPHONE 219-326-6808 EXT. 2221, 2563, 2591**

**ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS SHALL BE CONTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION AND REMOVED PRIOR TO CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY BEING ISSUED.**

**ONCE FOUNDATION EXCAVATION IS DONE, ACCESS TO THE SITE SHALL BE IMPROVED.  
(DRIVEWAY INSTALLED)**