

# Simplified Inspection Guidelines for Residential Projects

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## General Information

- **Permit Requirement:** Obtain all necessary permits before starting construction.
- **Inspection Scheduling:** Contact the Building Division at (650) 991-8061 at least two business days prior to your desired inspection date.

## Key Inspections

1. **Foundation Inspections**
  - **When to Schedule:** After excavating footings and setting up forms and reinforcement, but before pouring concrete.
2. **Under-Floor Inspection**
  - **When to Schedule:** Before installing floor sheathing, after completing under-floor framing, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work.
3. **Shear Wall Inspections**
  - **When to Schedule:** After installing shear panels and hold-downs, before covering them up.
4. **Rough-In Inspections**
  - **Includes:**
    - **Rough Plumbing (Top Out):** Drain, waste, vent, and water supply lines.
    - **Rough Mechanical (Duct Work):** Ductwork and vents.
    - **Rough Electrical (Wiring):** Wiring, outlets, and fixture boxes.
  - **When to Schedule:** Before covering walls and ceilings.
5. **Framing Inspection**
  - **When to Schedule:** After completing structural framing and prior rough-in inspections are approved.
6. **Insulation inspection**
  - **When to Schedule:** After installing and ceiling insulation, before covering with drywall.
7. **Sheetrock (Drywall) Inspection**
  - **When to Schedule:** After drywall is hung and fastened, but before taping and finishing.
8. **Final Inspections**
  - **When to Schedule:** Upon completing all work, ensuring compliance with codes and readiness for occupancy.

## Additional Notes

- **Fire Sprinkler Systems:** If installing or modifying, schedule an inspection with the Fire Department at (650) 800-6580.
- **Sewer Connections:** For sewer line inspections, contact the Department of Water and Wastewater Resources (DWWR) at (650) 991-8200.
- **Access for Inspectors:** Ensure inspectors have safe and clear access to all areas requiring inspection.



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