



CATOOSA COUNTY/RINGGOLD BUILDING INSPECTION PROCEDURES

POST YOUR BUILDING PERMIT ON SITE

1. Obtain a building permit before site preparation begins.
2. First inspection is BMP (See instructions below)
3. If the footing is dug before the BMP inspection, you are subject to a 30-Day Stop Work order.
4. All inspections require 24-hour notice. This does not mean your inspection will occur the next day.
5. Do NOT call the inspector to schedule an inspection. You MUST call the office at 706-965-4226 in order to receive an inspection.
6. Have the address handy when calling to schedule an inspection.
7. Subcontractors are required to come into the office and sign off on the permit and pay any subcontractors fees. These sign offs need to be completed and paid for before any of the trade inspection.
8. If you inspection fails, you are subject to a \$25.00 re-inspection fee. You must pay this fee before scheduling any further inspections.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

1. **BMP Inspection-** You must have a BMP inspection prior to digging any footings or scheduling any other inspections. Silt fence must be D.O.T. approved, permit must be posted on site, and you must have a toilet facility on site. If you dig your footing prior to receiving this inspection, you could receive a stop work order for up to 30 days and/or additional penalties.

NOTE: If you are in a permitted common development you can do the BMP and footing at the same inspection.

2. **Temporary Electric Pole/Footing Inspection-** These inspections will be the first inspections performed by the building inspector. The footing inspection must be completed prior to concrete placement, 20' electrode inside footing per NEC.
3. **Under Slab Plumbing Inspection-** 10' stack filled with water is required before plumbing is covered.
4. **Slab Inspection-** Performed prior to concrete placement.
5. **Basement Wall Inspection-** Performed prior to concrete placement.
6. **Rough-In Inspection-** This inspection included rough-in for plumbing, electrical, HVAC, gas lines and framing and must pass before insulation is installed.
7. **Insulation Inspection-** For safety reasons, the inspector will not enter a structure, or perform an inspection where insulation is being blown. In the event this occurs, the inspection will need to be rescheduled and a \$25.00 re-inspection fee will be charged.
8. **Tyvek Inspection-** Performed prior to installing siding and/or brick. This inspection can be done with the Rough-In Inspection.
9. **Pre-Final-** An inspection performed for permanent electrical service prior to a final inspection. You must request a final inspection within 60 days of the pre-final inspection.

- 10. Georgia Energy Compliance Certificate-** The Building Envelope Tightness (BET) section contains the results of the BED test conducted on your home. This test helps to determine how leaky the house is by depressurizing or pressurizing a home with a device called a blower door. Essentially a large, calibrated fan, the blower door helps to measure all the leaks through the gaps and seams in a house. The energy code requires houses to achieve a value less than 7 ACH50.
- 11. Final inspection/Certification of Occupancy-** NO certificate will be issued on permits that did not have all required inspections. NO certificate will be issued and no inspector will enter any building or residence that contains possessions or has been occupied prior to final inspection.

For questions or comments, please contact:

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