

**City of Santa Clarita  
Building & Safety Division**

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## **New State Energy Code to become effective January 1, 2010**

**Beginning January 1, 2010 all applications for building permits submitted to Building & Safety must comply with the provisions of the 2008 California Energy Code. These provisions apply to both residential and non-residential projects and include significant changes to the State's energy efficiency requirements including lighting, HVAC systems, building envelope and roofing requirements.**

**All new projects submitted after the effective date must be designed to comply with the new provisions. Architects, engineers, designers, and others responsible for preparing plans for new projects must ensure their projects are in compliance with the new provisions as part of the submittal process.**

**Failure to clearly demonstrate compliance with the new provisions on the plans, drawings, and energy calculations could result in significant time delays in the permit process.**

**Projects submitted before the January 1, 2010 effective date will continue to fall under the current code provisions.**

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The Energy Commission adopted the 2008 changes to the Building Energy Efficiency Standards for a number of compelling reasons:

1. To provide California with an adequate, reasonably-priced, and environmentally-sound supply of energy.
2. To respond to Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which mandates that California must reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.
3. To pursue California energy policy that energy efficiency is the resource of first choice for meeting California's energy needs.
4. To act on the findings of California's Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) that Standards are the most cost effective means to achieve energy efficiency, expects the Building Energy Efficiency Standards to continue to be upgraded over time to reduce electricity and peak demand, and recognizes the role of the Standards in reducing energy related to meeting California's water needs and in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
5. To meet the West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative commitment to include aggressive energy efficiency measures into updates of state building codes.
6. To meet the Executive Order in the Green Building Initiative to improve the energy efficiency of nonresidential buildings through aggressive standards.

**For additional information regarding the 2008 California Energy Code visit  
[www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/)**