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## Notice of Required Residential Deck Inspections

The following **deck inspections** must be performed for all issued deck permits

You must arrange for your inspection(s) according to the procedures specified below. If you have questions regarding this procedure, call 311 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. If you have job specific questions during construction, call the inspector assigned to the area in which the project is located.

You should request your inspection at least 24 hours prior to the date the inspection is needed. To schedule inspections, except partial inspections, call 311. Inspection requests must include the street address, permit number, and the type of inspection needed.

Inspection requests made before 12 p.m. (noon) will be scheduled for the next working day, requests made after 12 p.m. will be scheduled within two working days. A specific time for an inspection cannot be given at the time the inspection is scheduled.

The permit shall be kept on the site during the entire time the work is in progress and until its completion. If house numbers are not shown on the house or structure, the address must be posted in a visible location from the main road or entrance and must be displayed in large four-inch letters on a temporary card. For all inspections, a set of approved plans stamped by Montgomery County must be on the job site for the inspector's review.

Before you dig, call MISS UTILITY 1-800-257-7777 (2-day notice is required). Please note that the Maryland High Voltage Line Act prohibits any person or object from getting closer than 10-feet from high voltage power lines.

The following Inspections are required for your building permit number:

- 001<sup>(1)</sup> FOOTING – Conducted prior to concrete placement and after excavation for column/pier footings, or thickened slabs have been completed, and after grade stakes, reinforcing steel.
- 004 FRAMING – Conducted after the completion of all framing, and rough wiring, if required. When floor framing is less than 36 in. above the surface below, a framing inspection must be requested prior to installation of any DECKING materials.
- 251 FINAL – Conducted after the deck (or portion thereof) is completed and ready for occupancy. Before requesting the final inspection, all conditions of well and septic permits, if any, must be satisfied. The address numbers must be displayed in accordance with the requirements of the fire code. The final inspection must be requested and approved before the deck (or portion thereof) is used and occupied.
- PARTIAL INSPECTION – Conducted upon request. A \$104.91 fee must be paid when scheduling this inspection.

Reinspection Fee – A \$104.91 reinspection fee will be required after a building or electrical inspection has been disapproved twice. To alert you of the reinspection fee the inspector will leave a disapproval sticker indicating a fee is due and outlining the payment procedure. This fee must be paid prior to requesting any future inspections. Inspections which cannot be performed because the inspector cannot gain access to the construction, or where work is incomplete, will be considered disapproved, counting toward the two allowed disapprovals. To avoid reinspection fees, footing, and slab inspections not ready due to weather conditions, may be cancelled by phone or upon the inspector's arrival up to 8:30 a.m. on the scheduled day. All other inspections must be cancelled prior to inspector's arrival on the job site. To cancel an inspection call 311 and provide the permit number, address and type of inspection.

Framing and FINAL deck inspections must be requested at the same time with electrical inspection for the relevant Electrical Permit, if any is required. If all inspections are not properly requested, the inspector will disapprove the scheduled inspections.

<sup>(1)</sup> A [residential special inspector](#) may carry out the inspection.