



CODES ADOPTED IN LARIMER COUNTY

Larimer County adopted its first building code effective January 1, 1972. All structures built after January 1, 1972 require(d) a building permit except as noted below, and except for structures in Townships 10, 11, and 12 within Ranges 76, 77, and 78 constructed prior to January 1, 1978.

The effective dates of all building codes and amendments adopted by Larimer County are:

Effective Date	Code Edition
January 1, 1972	1970 UBC, Volume I; 1971 1&2 FDC; 1971 NEC; Plumbing Regulations, Technical Plumbing Code issued by Colorado Department of Public Health ^{1,2,4}
December 6, 1973	1973 UBC; 1973 UMC; 1971 1&2 FDC; 1971 NEC; Plumbing Regulations, Technical Plumbing Code issued by Colorado Department of Public Health ^{1,2}
June 28, 1978	1976 UBC; 1976 UMC; 1976 UPC; 1977 CECS ^{1,2}
February 15, 1983	1979 UBC; 1979 UMC; 1979 UPC; 1977 CECS ^{1,3}
March 5, 1984	1982 UBC; 1982 UMC; 1982 UPC; 1977 CECS ³
November 3, 1986	1985 UBC; 1985 UMC; 1985 UPC; 1977 CECS ³
October 30, 1989	1988 UBC; 1988 UAC; 1988 UMC; 1988 UPC; 1977 CECS
March 18, 1991	Amendments to 1988 Code Editions
February 10, 1993	1991 UBC; 1991 UAC; 1991 UMC; 1991 UPC; 1977 CECS
July 1, 1995	Amendments to 1991 Code Edition (Wildfire Mitigation & Roofing Requirements)
May 1, 1998	1997 UBC; 1997 UAC; 1997 UMC; 1997 UPC; 1977 CECS
July 1, 2000	Amendment governing installation of solid fuel burning devices
November 17, 2004	2003 IRC; IBC; IPC; IMC; IFGC; IECC; IEBC; 2002 NEC
October 2, 2007	2006 IRC; IBC; IPC; IMC; IFGC; IECC; IEBC; 2005 NEC
July 31, 2011	2009 IRC; IBC; IPC; IMC; IFGC; IECC; IEBC; 1997 UAC; 2008 NEC; 2008 NGBS
January 1, 2014	2012 IRC; IBC; IPC; IMC; IFGC; IECC; IEBC; 1997 UAC; 2011 NEC; 2008 NGBS
May 1, 2016	2015 IRC; IBC; IPC; IMC; IFGC; IECC; IEBC; 1997 UAC; 2014 NEC; 2008 NGBS
January 1, 2018	Amendments to 2015 IRC, IBC & UAC regarding Vacation Homes in the Estes Valley Planning Area, appeals to Building Official determinations, abatement cost recovery
February 1, 2019	2018 IRC; IBC; IPC; IMC; IFGC; IECC; IEBC; IPMC; 2017 NEC; 2008 NGBS
September 1, 2019	Amendments to 2018 IRC & IBC regarding Short-Term Rentals outside Estes Valley
July 1, 2020	2020 NEC
March 1, 2022	2021 IRC; IBC; IEBC; IECC; IFGC; IMC; IPC; IPMC; ISPSC; NEC admin amendments

FDC = One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code
 NEC = National Electrical Code
 UBC = Uniform Building Code
 UMC = Uniform Mechanical Code
 UPC = Uniform Plumbing Code
 UAC = Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings

IBC = International Building Code
 IEBC = International Existing Building Code
 IECC = International Energy Conservation Code
 IFGC = International Fuel Gas Code
 IMC = International Mechanical Code
 IPC = International Plumbing Code
 IPMC = International Property Maintenance Code

IRC = International Residential Code
 ISPSC = International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
 NGBS = National Green Building Standard (voluntary green building standard for 1- and 2-family homes)
 CECS = Colorado Energy Conservation Standards

¹COs not required for single-family residences.

²EXEMPT FROM PERMIT/SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (at Building Officials discretion): Agriculture buildings, private garages, carports, sheds, one-story buildings with an area not exceeding 600 square feet of Type V conventional wood-stud construction, small and unimportant work.

³EXEMPT FROM PERMIT/SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (at Building Officials discretion): Agricultural buildings of any size for private use only.

⁴EXEMPT FROM PERMIT/SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (at Building Officials discretion): May waive permitting on any type of structure up to December 6, 1973. 1972 – no inspections took place anywhere in Larimer County; 1973 – inspections only happened in subdivisions along the Front Range in Ranges 68 & 69.