



Home Construction Standards

Resources for Homeowners and Builders



The Estes Valley Fire Protection District has been applying the International Fire Code (IFC) since 2011. All homes built or significantly remodeled after that time have requirements from that code to be considered. The Fire District is a resource to help homeowners and builders understand these requirements and how they apply to your project.



ADDRESSING

Every home must have a valid address assigned by either the Town of Estes Park or Larimer County. For new homes, this must be completed during the permitting phase. For assistance navigating the Town or County process, please contact the Prevention Division.



ACCESS

To protect your home, we must be able to get to your home. While the IFC spells out details on road widths, turning radius, and turn around requirements, we work off the performance standards of our apparatus which are considerably less restrictive than the IFC. If you are unsure if we will be able to access the home after it is built, speak to us early in the design process so we can discuss, offer alternatives or discuss potential work arounds to accomplish this mutually beneficial consideration.



For more information visit us at: Estesvalleyfire.org/prevention

FIRE PROTECTION WATER SUPPLY

Water needs first and foremost depend on access but can be addressed through a range of methods. With adequate access, homes under 3,600 sq ft can be protected by hauled water provided by the Fire District. Homes with access but over 3,600 sq ft must have a fire hydrant within 950 ft OR available water on site, such as a cistern. If a home does not have access then residential sprinklers are required. Reach out early in a project to see which requirements will exist and how they can be met.



WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Both the Town of Estes Park and Larimer County have requirements for FireWise-type landscaping around single-family homes. We have extensive resources on our website to help with meeting these requirements.



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