

The logo for Building Edmonton, featuring the words "BUILDING" and "EDMONTON" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, stacked vertically.The logo for the City of Edmonton, featuring the word "Edmonton" in a white, sans-serif font inside a dark blue square.

Saving Time and Money for Builders and Developers

We understand that you play a key role in helping build, grow and invest in Edmonton, and we are here to make the process as smooth as possible and to save you time and money. We've made progress over the past year to reduce barriers and streamline our processes so that you can get the permits and licenses you need faster and easier.

At edmonton.ca/cuttingredtape you'll find details about our recent development and permitting service improvements. Some highlights from the past year include:

- Reducing the time it takes to process licences by 30 per cent in 2024 through our self-serve portal.
- Saving customers \$9.2 million and 167,000 days annually by speeding up our permit approval timelines.
- Improving residential and commercial services such as house development auto-reviews and predictable development and building permit timelines.
- Regulatory changes and our business support services.

Please share the [cutting red tape](https://edmonton.ca/cuttingredtape) web page with your network so they can take advantage of these improvements!

2024 Net New Dwellings and Redeveloping Area Infill Reports Now Available

The 2024 [Approved Net New Dwellings](#) and [Redeveloping Area Infill](#) reports are now available at edmonton.ca/growthanalysis.

The reports use residential building permit data for approved net new dwellings to help track growth trends and inform progress on [The City Plan's](#) infill targets. Developers and builders can use these annual reports, along with the quarterly-updated [residential](#)

[building permits activities dashboard](#) to understand which areas in Edmonton are growing as well as what types of housing received building permits each year.

These reports are part of a series of annual growth monitoring reports that help make growth and development insights more accessible and transparent for our city-building partners. Stay tuned for more reports later in the year!

Does Your Business Produce Food or Construction Waste? We Want to Hear From You

The City is currently engaging with the non-residential sector, also known as the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector. The goal is to gather input on proposed future actions that could advance waste reduction and diversion in this sector.

In Edmonton, about 70 per cent of waste generated comes from non-residential sources, such as businesses and institutions. Up to 80 per cent of that waste could be reduced or diverted from landfill through approaches like reuse and salvage, recycling and composting. This presents both a significant challenge and a major opportunity.

If your business or organization (like a grocery store, restaurant, food processor, developer or demolition company) generates non-residential waste, specifically food scraps, surplus edible food, construction waste or demolition materials, we want to hear from you

Your feedback will help to further shape waste reduction and diversion actions into recommendations that will be presented to City Council as part of the first ICI waste roadmap.

For more information, to take part in a survey or to register for a digital engagement session, visit edmonton.ca/nonresidentialwaste

SAFETY CODES AND PERMIT UPDATES

Occupancy Prior to Final Inspections

The City of Edmonton's Safety Codes, Permits & Inspections (SCPI) team has noticed an increase of families moving into or occupying their forever home prior to final approval known as Occupancy Granted.

Occupying a residence prior to receiving Occupancy Granted is against the national Building Code, Alberta Edition 2023 and Safety Codes Bylaw 15897.

[Read more](#) about this subject.

Energy Management Systems Enforcement - Electrical Inspections

Effective January 1, 2026, Energy Management System equipment will be allowed to be used only for the specified listed use (e.g., EV Chargers). The specified listed use is outlined on the manufacturers usage sticker placed on the equipment. Previously the City of Edmonton has allowed Energy Management Systems to be used outside of the listed use (e.g., A/C's, ranges, dryers, etc.).

This change will include all Energy Management Systems, (e.g., DCC, black box, load misers) that do not have appropriate use labelling on the equipment. Manufacturers have been reminded on multiple occasions that the equipment needs a proper label designating use of equipment. Without proper labeling, it will be looked at as non compliant as per CEC 2-024 and will result in a failed inspection starting in the new year.

Coroplast Use in Return Air Systems

This serves as notification regarding a change in previously accepted practices for residential construction, return air system installations.

Effective January 5, 2026 the use of coroplast (corrugated plastic sheeting) that does not meet the required flame spread rating for return air ducting materials, will not be an accepted material for use in return air systems.

Check the [Alberta Municipal Affairs website](#) for updates to codes and standards and [sign-up to be notified](#) when new Standata or other information is posted.