WINDOWS AND DOORS

CITY OF SOUTH ST. PAUL

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Windows and Doors

A permit is required for installation of new or replacement windows (including storm windows) and exterior doors (except storm doors).

Applications: A building permit application must be completed if applying in person or by mail or an ePermit can be obtained on our website at www.SouthStPaul.org.

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

In accordance with State Energy codes, when a permit for windows or doors is issued, all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors must meet current requirements.

A smoke detector must be installed in each bedroom and in a hallway or space that provides access to a bedroom. A smoke detector is also required on each level of your home. If a vaulted or raised ceiling is more than 24 inches a bove the hallways ceiling, an additional smoke detector is required near the top of that space. A carbon monoxide detector must be installed within 10 feet of each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes. Please follow the manufacturer's installation instructions for location details. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors do not need to be hardwired.

If you are replacing existing windows and not altering the rough opening size, you are not required to meet the current code requirements for egress window sizes if the following conditions are met:

1. The replacement window is the largest size window that will fit within the existing frame or rough opening. The replacement window can be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for a greater window opening area than the existing window.

2. The rooms are not used for a Minnesota State licensed purpose requiring an egress window.

3. The window is not required to be replaced pursuant to a locally adopted rental housing or rental licensing code.

4. Any door leading from the home directly into a garage must be a minimum 1 3/8 inch solid wood door, 1 3/8 inch honeycomb steel door or a 20 minute fire-rated door. Unless specialty fire glass, there should be no glass in the door.

5. Any glass within 24 inches of either side of an exterior door must be safety glazed.

6. Any glass within 18 inches of a walking surface and has a pane greater than 9 square feet musts be safety glazed.

7. Any glass installed within bathing areas less than 5 feet from the drain must be safety glazed.

8. Safety glazing is required adjacent to stairways, landing and ramps within 36 inches of the walking surface when the glass is less than 60 inches above the walking surface.

9. Any glass within 5 feet of the bottom of an indoor or outdoor stairway must be safety glazed.

10. All windows and doors must conform with the Minnesota Energy Code. The maximum U value allowed is .32.

Flashing

Approved corrosion resistant flashing shall be applied in shingle fashion to prevent entry of water into the wall cavity or structural framing components. The flashing shall extend to the surface of the exterior wall finish. Approved corrosion resistant flashing shall be installed at the following locations:

1. Exterior window and door openings. Flashing shall extend to the surface of the exterior wall finish or to the water resistive barrier for drainage.

2. Flashing shall be installed under and at the ends of masonry, wood, or metal copings and sill.

3. Flashing shall be installed continuously above all projecting wood trim.

Inspections Required:

- Smoke and CO detectors
- Final

Reminder: When scheduling an inspection, please allow 48 hours advance notice.

Where do I obtain a permit?
City of South St. Paul
125 3rd Avenue North
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Questions?
Please contact our office between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at 651-554-3220.

Gopher State One
Verify underground utility locations at least 2 days before you dig. Call Gopher State One at 651-454-0002.

Please Note: Items listed in this brochure are intended for informational purposes, further building and/or zoning code guidelines or restrictions may be applicable.

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