



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF FIRE, EMERGENCY AND BUILDING SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE STATE BUILDING INSPECTOR



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Memo to: All local building departments and interested parties

From: Christopher R. Laux, A.I.A., State Building Inspector

Subject: Adoption of the 2005 State Building Code

It is with great pleasure that I announce the approval of the 2005 State Building Code by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee this morning. This is a culmination of years of effort by many parties and is indeed an occasion worth celebrating.

The effective date of the new code is December 31, 2005, so it applies to all projects for which the initial building permit is applied for on or after December 31, 2005. Permits applied for on or before December 30, 2005 will be regulated by the 1999 State Building Code with the 2000 and 2004 Amendments. The 1999 State Building Code, with amendments, will also continue to apply to permits applied for to complete a project started under the 1999 Code. For instance, if a permit was issued for a foundation under the 1999 Code, all subsequent permits (building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing) would also be issued under the 1999 State Building Code since the project was started under that code. This would not apply, however, in the case of a job that was abandoned and had its permit revoked. The re-application for such permit would be considered a new application and the 2005 Code would apply after 12/31/05.

The International Code Council has told me that they expect to have the Connecticut Specific Versions of the 2003 IBC and 2003 IRC available prior to 12/31/05, so if you can wait to purchase those products, I suggest you do so to save you the aggravation of using the supplements. The other codes in the family (IPC, IMC, IECC and IEBC) will not be available in Connecticut Specific Editions, so the supplements must be utilized. This is also true for the 2005 National Electrical Code and the ICC/ANSI A117.1 Standard. The Connecticut Supplement is available for free download in both Word and PDF formats from our website: www.ct.gov/dps.

Please share this information with your customers, as well as the attached list of codes comprising the 2005 State Building Code and where they can be purchased.

Enclosure: Where to Obtain the 2005 State Building Code

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WHERE TO OBTAIN THE 2005 STATE BUILDING CODE

The Office of the State Building Inspector announces adoption of the 2005 State Building Code with an effective date of December 31, 2005,

Copies of the documents that comprise the 2005 State Building Code may be obtained from the following sources:

State Building Code: 2005 Connecticut Supplement: available by download from this website: www.ct.gov/dps

- 2003 International Building Code***
- 2003 International Residential Code* (re-adopted with changes)**
- 2003 International Existing Building Code**
- 2003 International Mechanical Code**
- 2003 International Plumbing Code**
- 2003 International Energy Conservation Code (re-adopted with changes)**
- ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities**

*The International Code Council has agreed to publish Connecticut Specific Editions of the 2003 International Building and Residential Codes that incorporate the language of the Connecticut Supplement into the base document. This eliminates the need for concurrent use of the Connecticut Supplement for these two codes.

Available From: International Code Council, Inc.
4051 West Flossmoor Road
Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795
Telephone: (800) 214-4321
www.iccsafe.org

2005 National Electrical Code (NFPA-70)
Available From: National Fire Protection Association
Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02269
Telephone: (800) 344-3555
www.nfpa.org

The following organizations also sell code books to members and non-members:

Connecticut Building Officials Association, Inc.
c/o William A. Fuhrman
174 Lakes Road
Bethlehem, CT 06751
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