



Fire Rebuild – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What should I do FIRST if my structure has been damaged/destroyed?

A: Contact the County Assessor's office. They will be able to help you file for property tax relief and assist in researching/documenting the structures that were on your property. Please contact Noni Todd at 805-788-2039 or ntodd@co.slo.ca.us

Q: Will my building permit fees be waived?

A: Not at this time. The Planning Director is authorized to waive land use, building and environmental review fees for applicants who are seeking to reconstruct legally constructed homes and other structures, including associated grading, that were destroyed as a result of a natural or manmade disaster, where the Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution declaring such a disaster.

County Planning and Building Information

Q: Do I need plans to rebuild?

A: Yes. 3 copies of plans will need to be submitted along with 2 extra site plans. We have checklists available on our website (www.sloplanning.org) to help identify the information needed on the plans.

Q: How long will it take to get my building permit?

A: Priority will be given to fire restoration projects. The County Planning and Building Department is committed to completing our review process within 10 business days. When revised plans are needed it is important the design professional submit and resubmit plans/corrections in a timely manner.

Q: Does my new home/structure need to meet current building code?

A: Yes. The California Building Code requires that all permits must meet the minimum requirements of the current building codes.

Q: Will I need fire sprinklers?

A: Yes. Fire sprinklers are required in all dwelling units and attached garages. Detached accessory structures may also require fire sprinklers, depending on the size and location.

Q: Who can I contact with septic questions or septic verification?

A: Please contact Barry Tolle at 805-781-5628 or btolle@co.slo.ca.us

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Q: Where can I submit my plans?

A: The County Permit Center in San Luis Obispo is open Monday through Friday 8:30 – 4:30, excluding the major holidays. The North County Service Center is open 7:30 – 4:00 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and located in Atascadero at 6555 Capistrano Ave (above the County Library).

Q: Where can I find out more information on building permits?

A: You may visit our webpage at www.slocounty.ca.gov

Q: Who can I contact for more building permit information?

A: You may contact Building Division Supervisor, Martin Mofield at 805-781-5629 mmofield@co.slo.ca.us or Chief Building Official, Cheryl Journey at 805-781-1314 cjourney@co.slo.ca.us

Q: Who can I contact for more Zoning or Planning information?

A: You may contact Supervising Planner, Karen Nall at 805-781-5606 knall@co.slo.ca.us or Susan Callado at 805-788-2714 scallado@co.slo.ca.us

County Public Works Information

Q: What about Public Works fees, flood hazard information, or encroachment permits?

A: Please contact the Public Works Department – Tim Tomlinson ttomlinson@co.slo.ca.us 805-781-5271 or Glenn Marshall 805-781-1596 gdmarshall@co.slo.ca.us

Q: Where can I find information about public and County maintained roads?

A: Please contact the Public Works Department – Jeremy Ghent 805-781-1406 jghent@co.slo.ca.us or Tim Cate 805-781-5293 tcate@co.slo.ca.us

County Environmental Health Information

Contact Environmental Health for questions regarding water well requirements, hazardous materials and underground storage tank questions. Please call the main office at Environment Health 805-781-5544 to be directed to the correct division or visit the webpage www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth

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Well Location Requirements

- No closer than 10 feet from the property line
- 50 feet from a sewer line (this may be reduced to 25 feet when the drainage pipe is constructed of materials approved for use within a building.
- 100 feet from a septic tank, leach field, or animal enclosure.
- 150 feet of a cesspool or seepage pit.
- 100 feet from storage and preparation areas of pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals.

County Assessors Information

Q: Can I apply for a temporary property tax relief?

A: Please contact the County Assessor's Office - Noni Todd at 805-788-2039 or ntodd@co.slo.ca.us