



## Special Announcement:

### New Building Codes Become Effective on January 1, 2026

All applications for building permits submitted on or after January 1, 2026, must comply with 2025 California Building Code.

#### General:

The City of Gardena Building & Safety Department uses the following codes in the plan check process and in field inspections.

- **2025 California Administrative Code** – Part 1 (CAC)
- **2025 California Building Code** – Part 2 (CBC)
- **2025 California Residential Code** – Part 2. (CRC)
- **2025 California Electrical Code** – Part 3 (CEC)
- **2025 California Mechanical Code** – Part 4 (CMC)
- **2025 California Plumbing Code** - Part 5 (CPC)
- **2025 California Energy Code** – Part 6 (CEC)
- **2025 California Historical Building Code** – Part 8 (CHBC)
- **2025 California Fire Code** - Part 9 (CFC)
- **2025 California Existing Building Code** – Part 10 (CEBC)
- **2025 California Green Building Standards Code** – Part 11 (CalGreen)
- **2025 California Reference Standards Code** – Part 12

Structures are governed by the Code that was in effect at the time of application for building permit. Consequently, any building permitted, or in plan review, under the previous Code will be governed by that Code, *provided* that the application or permit does not expire.

All projects submitted before or on December 31, 2025, are permitted to comply with the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

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#### Design Criteria:

In addition, for structures in Gardena, design for the following requirements:

- Seismic Design Category: "D" without a soils report
- Basic Wind Speed: 100 mph, Exposure "C", Category II Buildings
- Climate Zone: 8

Please call the Building Department at (310) 217-9530 if you have other questions.

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