

Technical Updates

1) Alberta Building Code 2014 is in effect and will be enforced starting November 1st, 2015. Key changes include provisions to allow the construction of wood-frame buildings up to 6 storeys, window installation to conform to CSA A440.4 "Window, Door, and Skylight Installation", and lateral bracing to resist earthquake and wind loads. (Click Here)

2) The CAN/CSA A277 standard was incorporated into the Quebec Construction Code Chapter I - Building section in May of 2015. Enforcement in Quebec will begin on December 15th, 2016.

3) CSA B149.1-15 "Natural Gas & Propane Installation Code" is available for purchase. Stay tuned for upcoming newsletter for effective and enforcement dates for each province.

4) The effective and enforcement dates of the new Canadian Electrical Code (Part 1) 2015 (23rd Edition) varies province to province. Here is a summary:

Currently Enforced:

- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- Nova Scotia
- Northwest Territories

Pending:

- Alberta (Enforcement start January 1, 2016)
- Saskatchewan (Under review - No effective and Enforcement dates yet)
- New Brunswick (Enforcement start January 1, 2016)

Ontario has its own Ontario Electrical Safety Code 2012 (OESC). It incorporates the Canadian Electrical Code 2012 with Ontario amendments. The ARC-Fault protection requirements in the Canadian Electrical Code 2015 are not required in the OESC.

Quebec has its own Electrical Safety Code 2010 incorporated into Chapter V of the Quebec Construction Code. It incorporates the Canadian Electrical Code 2009 with Quebec Amendments. The ARC-Fault protection requirements in the Canadian Electrical Code 2015 are not required in the Quebec Electrical Safety Code 2010.

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