

POLE BARN QUICK TIPS



THERE ARE 3 BASIC INSPECTIONS:

1. **POST HOLES:** INSPECTION IS AFTER THE HOLES ARE DUG TO AT LEAST 36 “DEEP, BUT BEFORE THE POSTS ARE SET. WE WANT TO SEE THE PRECAST CONCRETE “COOKIE” IN THE BOTTOM OR AT LEAST 4” OF CONCRETE UNDER AND 2” GREATER ON ALL SIDES OF THE POST.
2. **FRAMING:** INSPECTION IS BEFORE THE INSIDE IS COVERED! **IF TRUSSES ARE USED, TRUSS DRAWINGS MUST BE ON SITE.** OPENINGS FOR DOORS OR WINDOWS GREATER THAN FOUR FEET CAN NOT BE SUPPORTED BY A SINGLE HEADER. MOST POSTS ARE SET 8’-0 ON CENTER WITH TWO 2X10 OR 2X12 TOP PLATES SUPPORTING THE TRUSSES. POST CUT OFFS OR EQUIVALENT MECHANICAL FASTENERS MUST BE USED TO SECURE TRUSSES BETWEEN THE POSTS.

3. **FINAL:** THIS INSPECTION IS DONE WHEN THE BUILDING IS COMPLETE. THE SIDING, WINDOWS AND DOORS MUST BE ON TO MAKE IT WEATHER TIGHT AND GRADING AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE STRUCTURE TO SHED WATER AWAY.

HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE ADDING:
ELECTRIC (grid, off grid, solar, generator)
PLUMBING (floor drains, baths, kitchens)
GAS LINE
HEAT (in-floor radiant, gas forced air, wood, etc.)

ALL OF THESE SYSTEMS NEED TO BE INSPECTED BEFORE BEING COVERED.

BUILDINGS CLOSER THAN 3’-0 TO A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT MUST BE COVERED IN ½” DRYWALL ON THE INTERIOR SIDE OF EXTERIOR WALLS WITHIN THIS AREA.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE BLDG. DEPT. AT (260)499-6305. OUR HOURS ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8 AM – 4 PM.