

Publications & Helpful Information

In order to help our residents with home improvement projects, the following publications and information are available at the City Office:

GENERAL BUILDING

Building Codes – How do they help you? This brochure, published by the International Conference of Building Officials, provides a brief review of why there is a need for building construction regulations and answers common questions on the need for such regulations.

Benefits of Building Permits. This brochure, published by the International Conference of Building Officials, reviews the building permit process.

How to Choose a Homebuilder or Remodeler. This brochure, published by the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, provides important steps you should take to ensure that your investment is a wise one and that you are protected from loss or disappointment.

You Can Build It. This booklet, published by the International Conference of Building Officials, contains information and advice to aid “Do-it-yourselfers” with building projects. Provides guidance in necessary procedures such as permit requirements, codes, plans, cost estimation, etc. (58 pages). This booklet is also available for check-out at the James E. Wickson Memorial Library, 359 S. Franklin Street.

ICBO-Evaluation Service. The building department has text reports on building products and services as issued by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO). These reports evaluate materials, products and construction systems per the codes used by ICBO. Updates are received on a quarterly basis.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure. A brochure, published by F.E.M.A., providing flood damage reduction techniques.

A House is Only as Strong as its Weakest Link. A brochure, published by F.E.M.A., providing wind damage reduction techniques.

Safety First – Disaster Preparedness Tips for Your Home & Family. This brochure, published by the International Conference of Building Officials, offers tips on how you and your family can better prepare your home to withstand the effects of a natural disaster.

RADON GAS

Building a New Home – Have You Considered Radon? An E.P.A. brochure on what information should be considered to make your new home radon-resistant.

Buying a New Home? How to Protect your Family from Radon. An E.P.A. brochure on Radon gas and ways to protect your family.

Radon-Resistant Construction in New Homes. This E.P.A. brochure reviews radon-resistant techniques and provides valuable information sources.