



Charles County Department of Planning and Growth Management

NOTICE

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Complete Load Path and Energy Efficiency Information Requirements for Residential Building Permits

Effective October 1, 2025, the Department of Planning and Growth Management Permits Office will no longer require separate Complete Load Path or Energy Efficiency forms for residential permit applications. Instead, this information must be included directly on the residential construction drawings, where applicable.

The residential construction drawings must clearly include:

- **Load Path Details:** Indicate connection types, fasteners, straps, hold-downs, shear walls, and framing details from roof to foundation.
- **Energy Efficiency Details:** Specify insulation R-values, window/door U-factors and SHGC ratings, sealing methods, duct insulation, and equipment efficiencies.
- **Code References:** Cite applicable code sections, standards, or approved manufacturer specifications.

Failure to include the information outlined above on residential construction drawings may result in permit processing delays and/or rejection of the permit application.