

WELCOME TO BARRIERE

New Construction Guide - At-A-Glance



Building a home or commercial building is an exciting, but also daunting endeavor. There may be many rules from the *BC Building Code*, various Provincial agencies, private subdivision covenants and from the Municipal Government to consider. While this guide is not all inclusive of every rule that may apply to your particular build, it is a reminder that there are things you may want to follow up on if you think they may affect your plans.

Whether doing it yourself, or if you have a contractor doing the work for you, it is ultimately the property owner's responsibility to ensure that all Federal, Provincial, Municipal and Private Regulations are followed.

The District of Barriere's "*Building Department Checklist and Requirements*" form is a great tool to start with. Other things to consider are:

- ✓ Know where your property lines are. **From your front property line to the road, is the municipal right-of-way (or boulevard) and cannot be altered without permission from the District of Barriere.** That means digging, landscaping (other than grass seed or sod), decorative structures, installing underground irrigation, filling in swales/ditches, or paving etc. all require permission from the District. Any damage to the District's right-of-way and/or underground infrastructure due to work not authorized by the municipality, will result in fines and with the repair cost the responsibility of the property owner.
- ✓ As repeatedly mentioned in water/wastewater connection applications, uncovering/tampering/connecting-to or turning on or off municipal infrastructure is a serious offence. Please call the District Office prior to digging water service and wastewater.
- ✓ There are no storm drain sewers in Barriere, therefore protecting drainage methods is important! Do not fill in any culverts/swales/ditches without first speaking with the District of Barriere's Road Manager. While drainage mechanisms may not coincide with your landscaping wishes, not installing or having them removed or altered, can cause serious damage to yours and your neighbours' properties as well as to the roads themselves. Specific drainage methods may have already been pre-approved at the subdivision stage in new subdivision developments. Check with the District to confirm if you suspect this to be the case.
- ✓ Driveway construction must meet criteria that ensure drainage issues are addressed, sight lines are unobstructed and that they will not cause issues for winter road maintenance crews.
- ✓ Commercial Vehicles parked in residential zones, require a permit (there is no charge for this permit) from the District's Roads Manager.
- ✓ Check with the District's Zoning Bylaw before adding any fences or additional structures to your property to ensure that setback requirements & height regulations are met etc. Storage containers (C-Cans) are considered an accessory building, cannot be stacked, and must meet the aesthetic of the primary dwelling.

Always Remember, "Call Before You Dig"

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