



MARIN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
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**GREEN BUILDING RELATED POLICIES  
AND INCENTIVES**  
(For Unincorporated Marin County)

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**Residential Green Building Guidelines and Rating System**

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**•Applies to:**

–All residential projects that are subject to discretionary planning permit review.

**•Requirements:**

–Meet minimum points threshold on Checklist based on total conditioned floor area.

**•Compliance:**

–Submit completed and signed checklist with planning application and again prior to Final of building permit when project is complete.

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**Single Family Dwelling Energy Efficiency Ordinance –  
SFDEEO**

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**•Applies to:**

–New homes > 3,500 sf

–Remodels or additions > 500 sf with a total conditioned floor area of > 3,500 sf

**•Requirements:**

–Must meet or exceed energy efficiency (Title 24) standards of a 3,500 sf home. Additional credit given for alternative energy systems such as Photovoltaic systems.

**•Compliance:**

–Submit T-24 Calculations and SFDEEO Form/Worksheet with Building Permit application.

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## Construction and Demolition Reuse and Recycling Ordinance – C & D Ordinance

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**•Applies to:**

–All building and demolition permits.

**•Requirements:**

–Minimum of 50% construction and demolition material from project reused or recycled.

**•Compliance:**

–Submit Recycling & Reuse Plan form with permit application.

–Pay fee based on square footage of project.

–Submit all disposal and recycling receipts at completion of project for release of Hold on Final Inspection.

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## Wood Smoke Ordinance

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**•Intent:**

–Reduce air pollution in Marin County

**•Requirements:**

–Non-EPA Phase II-Certified wood burning heaters or wood burning fireplaces will not be allowed to be added in new construction, additions or remodels of any size. Pellet-fueled and gas appliances will be allowed.

–Removal of non EPA Phase II Certified wood stoves and inserts for all remodels and additions over 500 sf and all homes by July 1, 2008.

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## \*\*INCENTIVES\*\*

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**•Green Building**

–Free technical assistance, design consultation, resources and information to all Marin County residents.

**•Fast-track building permit processing & waiver of T-24 energy review fee**

–All Projects (New Const., Additions, Remodels): Run Title 24 Calculations as New Construction and exceed Energy Budget by 20% (or 20% above SFDEEO requirements if applicable).

OR

–Install a Solar Electric/Renewable Energy system to meet 75% of electricity needs (unless required)

**• Woodstove Replacement Rebate**

–\$250 rebate + \$75 permit fee refund. Remove any non-EPA certified woodburning appliance or replace with a gas, pellet or EPA certified wood burning stove or insert.