



WOOD BURNING APPLIANCES & FIREPLACES

A permit is required for all new wood burning appliances or fireplaces and shall be obtained prior to installation. The following is a listing of the general requirements for new wood burning appliances or fireplaces based on the [2022 California Green Building Code](#) and [Contra Costa County Municipal Code Section 718-10](#). This document is intended to provide general information, contact the Building Inspection Division for any questions or additional information.

- All new wood burning appliances/fireplaces (including stoves and pellet stoves) shall comply with the U.S. EPA New Source Performance Standards (NSPS).
- Existing and lawful wood burning appliances/fireplaces can remain and can be repaired or remodeled.

Materials not to be used as fuel in wood burning appliances/fireplaces:		
Garbage	Plastic Products	Waste Petroleum Products
Treated Wood	Paint Solvents	Paints
Coal	Rubber Products	

PERMIT PROCESS

Building Permit Review

1. Apply online on our ePermits Center at <https://epermits.cccounty.us>. You will first need to register for an account. Contractors and Contractor agents must connect a CSLB license to their online account and can apply for permits after staff has approved the license.

Inspections

1. A rough inspection may be required if any wall framing is altered or any plumbing lines are added or extended.
2. The final inspection is required after all the work is completed.

Building Permit Application Requirements

- Apply online on our ePermits Center at <https://epermits.cccounty.us>.
- A floor plan showing the existing and proposed conditions, including the location of the wood burning appliances/fireplaces,
- Manufacturer's information for the wood burning appliances/fireplaces showing the unit complies with the U.S. EPA NSPS.