



MIDLAND PENETANGUISHENE BUILDING SERVICES



Please be advised that the Town of Midland and Penetanguishene's building permits and inspections protocol has been amended based on an order issued by the Province of Ontario under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on April 3, 2020 (Ontario Regulation 119/20) which relates to the Closure of Places of Non-essential Businesses, including certain construction. Please [click here](#) for Ontario Regulation 119/20.

Under Ontario Regulation 119/20, beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2020, each person responsible for a place of business that is not listed in Schedule 2 [of the regulation] shall ensure that the place of business is closed. Only the following types of construction were listed in Schedule 2 as Essential Businesses:

27. Construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space.
28. Construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of, or to provide new capacity in, critical provincial infrastructure, including transit, transportation, energy and justice sectors beyond the day-to-day maintenance.
29. Critical industrial construction activities required for,
 - i. the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,
 - ii. significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work has already commenced,
 - iii. industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to work necessary for the production, maintenance, and/or enhancement of Personal Protective Equipment, medical devices (such as ventilators), and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.
30. Residential construction projects where,
 - i. a footing permit has been granted for single family, semi-detached and townhomes,
 - ii. an above grade structural permit has been granted for condominiums, mixed use and other buildings, or
 - iii. the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work was started before April 4, 2020.
31. Construction and maintenance activities necessary to temporarily close construction sites that -have paused or are not active and to ensure ongoing public safety.

The following changes to permit intake and inspections are now in effect:

Permit intake:

Our office will continue to accept and review all new permit applications. Issuance of permits will be deferred until the Order is lifted, except where the construction falls within the above list. Construction may only proceed where it falls within the above list.

Where construction is permitted the following inspection protocol must be followed:

Inspections:

-To request a residential inspection, please call 705-549-7453 (Penetanguishene offices) or 705-526-4275, Ext 2248 (Midland offices) to leave a voice mail message 24 hours per day or send an email to building@midland.ca. Please make note of the following:

Residential Builders:

- Inspectors will conduct on-site inspections if they are accompanied by the Site Supervisor ONLY, while maintaining the recommended social distance (minimum 2 metre distance). No other individuals may be in the vicinity or in the structure of the requested inspection and no other individuals may approach the Inspector.
- If these protocols are not followed, the Inspector has the right to refuse any further on-site inspections.

Homeowners:

- On-site building inspections of occupied homes are temporarily suspended, unless an emergency inspection is required related to the safety of the building or structure.
- Other arrangements, such as Video calls may be arranged at the discretion of the inspector
- For simple construction, photos MAY be accepted at the discretion of the Inspector and may be sent to the above noted email

Multiple Residential/Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI):

- For all ICI projects, inspectors will conduct on-site inspections if they are accompanied by the Site Supervisor ONLY, while maintaining the recommended social distance (minimum 2 metre distance). No other individuals may be in the vicinity or in the structure of the requested inspection and no other individuals may approach the Inspector.
- In lieu of the building inspection, Professional field reviews may be accepted – please send to the above noted email for review.

Should completion of construction occur without the benefit of a required inspection, the Chief Building Official may require the construction to be uncovered in accordance with the Building Code Act.