

## Where to apply

### In person:

The City of Calgary  
Planning Services Centre  
Third Floor, Calgary Municipal Building  
800 Macleod Tr. S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5  
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### For more information

### By phone:

403-268-5311

### Online:

[calgary.ca/pd](http://calgary.ca/pd)

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## What are the bylaw requirements and safety standards for decks?

- A deck must be at least 6m from the rear property line.
- A deck must be at least 3m from the front property line. This distance may have to be further if you're located in a Developed Area.
- A deck must be at least 1.2m from a side property line. If the deck is on the street side of a corner lot or the lot is laneless, and no provision for a garage exists, the deck must be 3m from the property line.
- Decks can not be more than 0.3m (12") above the main floor.
- A deck on a semi-detached residence may be built on the common property line providing a solid privacy wall between 2m and 3m in height, extending the full depth of the deck, is constructed.
- A landing is an uncovered platform that provides direct access to a building entry on the main floor or lower level. A landing must be no larger than 2.5m<sup>2</sup> in area if located in the side setback area with a maximum projection of 1.8m<sup>2</sup>.
- For complete safety code information, please refer to the Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing Safety at [municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca](http://municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca).

### Utility/Maintenance Rights-of-Way

You cannot build over top of a Utility Right-of-Way. If you are building within a Maintenance Access Right-of-Way, you must bring in a copy of the agreement.

### Call before you dig

Contact Alberta One-Call ([albertaonecall.com](http://albertaonecall.com) or 1-800-242-3447) to request that buried utilities on your property be located and marked at least two full working days before you dig.

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# Residential Decks

## What you need to know

### Home Improvements

## I plan to build a deck. Do I need a permit?

### You will need a Building Permit if:

- Your deck will be higher than 0.6m (approximately two feet) above grade at any point.
- You are building a covered deck such as an enclosed sundeck, a deck with open rafters or a gazebo (this is considered an addition and may require a Development Permit).

### You will need a Development Permit if:

- You live in a Developed Area (R-C1(s), R-C2, RC1N, R-C1L(s), R-CG) and your deck will exceed 1.5m in height above grade at any point unless located above a walkout basement.
- Your deck is in the floodway zone or within 6m of the floodway.
- Your deck does not meet the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw (such as height, setbacks, etc.). Please call the Planning Services Centre at 403-268-5311 for more information.

## When will I get my permit?

Most Building Permit applications for decks can be issued the same day provided your application is complete and complies with Land Use Bylaw and the Alberta Building Code.

## What information do I need for my permit?

Permit applications require **two** complete, scaled and dimensioned, sets of plans.

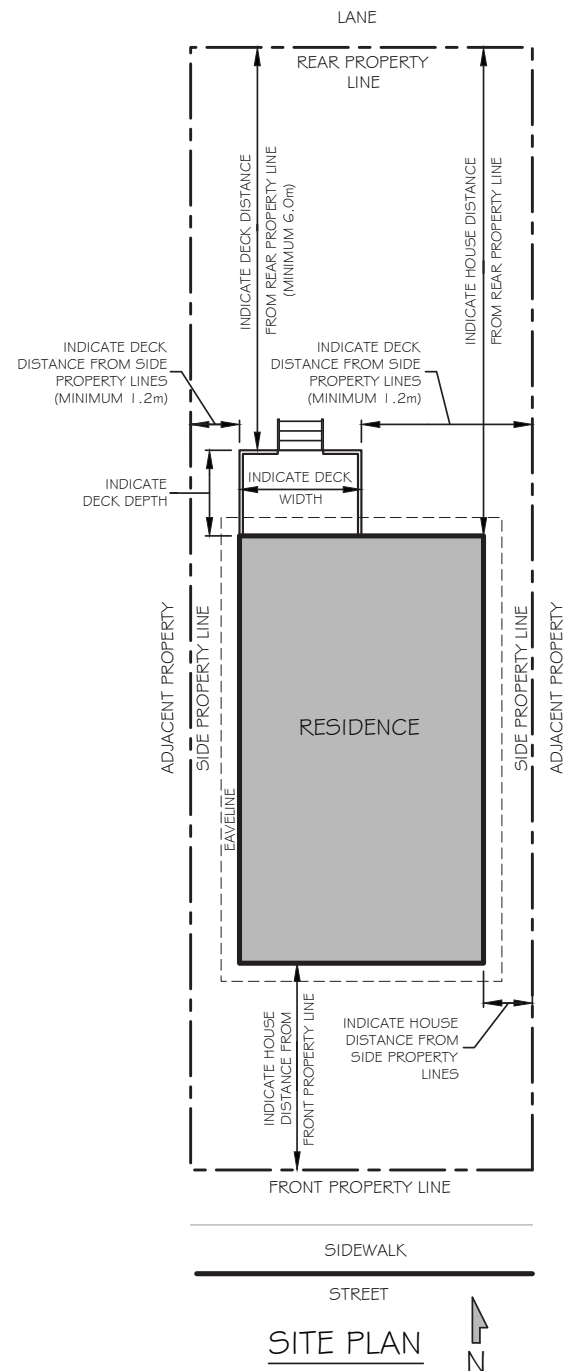
### 1. Site Plan (Metric)

### 2. Plan View (Imperial)

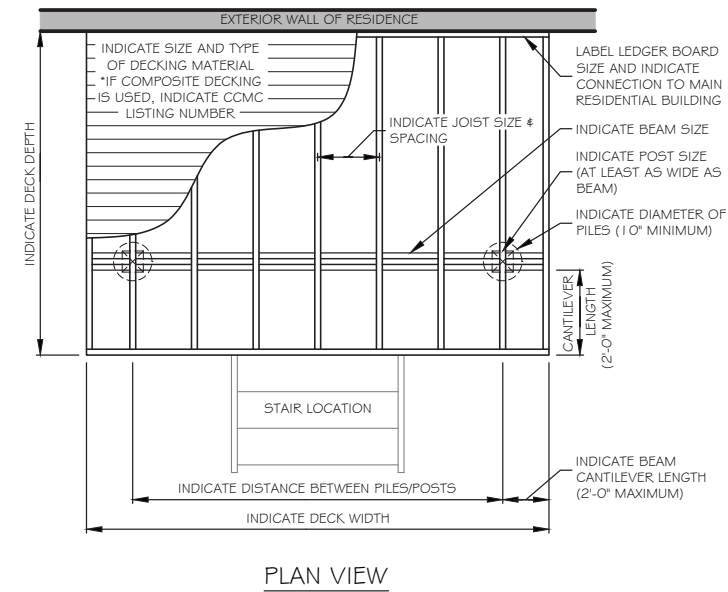
### 3. Structural Cross Section (Imperial)

Visit [calgary.ca/deckcarl](http://calgary.ca/deckcarl) to download a copy of the Complete Application Requirement List.

## 1. Site Plan



## 2. Plan View



## 3. Structural Cross Section

