



Energy Efficient Renovation Requirements for Major Residential Additions and Alterations

What projects are applicable?

Beginning January 1, 2025, any single-family residential project in the City of San Luis Obispo that is a major addition or alteration.

- Major Addition is any change to an existing building that increases the conditioned floor area by 500 SF or more in a one-year period.
- Major Alteration is any construction or renovation to an existing structure with an area of 500 SF or more in a one-year period. Exceptions: A project that consists only of roof and/or window replacement is not considered a Major Alteration. Additionally, repairs are not considered a Major Alteration.

A combination of a Major Addition and Alteration adding up to 500 SF or more is also applicable.

What are the requirements?

There are three requirements:

1. Upgrade all internal and external lighting to LED fixtures and upgrade external light fixtures to include photocells or timers.
2. Select one of five “Efficiency Upgrade” options. Options or Efficiency upgrades include using heat pump water heaters, installing solar panels, adding insulation among other things.
3. If project includes upgrading to a 200 amp panel, electric readiness for a heat pump water heater and heat pump space heater is required.

The Applicant's Process

1 Where to find the intake form

The intake form can be found as a digital copy at the following link: www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/community-development/building-safety/permit-forms-and-applications

2 How to complete the checklist


Provide the project info, applicability, and the selected efficiency measures. Definitions of each Upgrade requirements are included in the intake form.

3 Where to place the intake form

The completed intake form needs to be added to your permit plan set. It is recommended to be located at the start of the project’s Title 24 Part 6 energy compliance documents.

4 Reach out to 3C-REN Code Coach with any questions!

Available via hotline and webform, if you have any questions on the requirements or project scope, send them in!

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