

Important Construction Information

As it relates to Reopening Ontario Act 2020

The Ontario government enacted a provincewide state of emergency that took effect on **Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.** Below is an excerpt from Ontario Regulation 82/20 *formerly under Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* as it relates to the construction industry. Please read and use as a guide when considering if your work/project at this time complies with the provincial order in place.

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43. Construction activities or projects and related services, including land surveying and demolition services, that,

- (a) are associated with the health care sector or long-term care, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space;
- (b) ensure safe and reliable operations of, or provide new capacity in, provincial infrastructure, including the transit, transportation, resource, energy and justice sectors beyond day-to-day maintenance;
- (c) support the operations of, or provide new capacity in, electricity generation, transmission, distribution and storage, natural gas distribution, transmission and storage or in the supply of resources;
- (d) support the operations of, or provide new capacity in, schools, colleges, universities, municipal infrastructure or child care centres within the meaning of the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*;
- (e) are required for,
 - (i) the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,
 - (ii) significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work commenced before January 12, 2021, or
 - (iii) industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to work necessary for the production, maintenance or enhancement of personal protective equipment, medical devices such as ventilators and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (f) would provide additional capacity in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food, beverages or agricultural products;
- (g) were commenced before January 12, 2021 and that would,
 - (i) provide additional capacity for businesses that provide logistical support, distribution services, warehousing, storage or shipping and delivery services, or
 - (ii) provide additional capacity in the operation and delivery of Information Technology (IT) services or telecommunications services;

- (h) support the operations of broadband internet and cellular technologies and services;
- (i) are related to residential construction projects where,
 - (i) a building permit has been granted for a single family, semi-detached and townhomes,
 - (ii) the project is a condominium, mixed-use or other residential building, or
 - (iii) the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work that was started before January 12, 2021;
- (j) prepare a site for an institutional, commercial, industrial or residential development, including any necessary excavation, grading, roads or utilities infrastructure;
- (k) are necessary to temporarily close construction sites that have paused, or that are not active, to ensure ongoing public safety;
- (l) are funded in whole or in part by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program;
- (m) are,
 - (a) intended to provide shelter or supports for vulnerable persons or affordable housing; and
 - (b) being funded in whole or in part by, or are being undertaken by,
 - (A) the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario,
 - (B) an agency of the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario,
 - (C) a municipality,
 - (D) a service manager as defined the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, or
 - (E) a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or
 - (F) a not-for-profit corporation.

We are actively accepting and issuing all building and demolition permits; however we will be inspecting only projects that comply with the current emergency order. We ask that all permit holders use their discretion and consult the emergency order for direction. The building department will continue to monitor this situation as it evolves, any important changes related to the construction industry will be updated.