

Setting the Standard

Key Updates from Building and Technical Standards

Summer 2026

Shipping Containers

Repurposing of shipping containers (or “sea cans”) for uses other than shipping or storage of freight is becoming increasingly more common. When used to support or shelter any use or *occupancy* and placed on a property (whether temporarily or permanently), a shipping container is considered a *building* and must comply with applicable legislation.

For more information on the use of shipping containers, please refer to the following advisory: [Shipping Containers](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Building and Technical Standards (BTS) at 306-787-4113, btstandards@gov.sk.ca or contact your local municipal office.

Decks and Accessory Buildings

Summer is the prime season for permit applications for decks and accessory buildings (sheds and garages) over 10 m² (approx. 107 ft²).

To ensure timely review and approval, permit applications should include all relevant information such as plans, structure and framing details, etc.

As per *The Construction Codes Act*, local authorities may appoint a building official licensed by the province to assist in the review and enforcement of construction standards related to these structures.

The permitting and inspection process assures local authorities and owners that buildings and structures are built to the minimum standards outlined in the National Building Code of Canada.

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Fall 2026 Legislative Framework Training Workshop in Regina

The objective of the Legislative Framework Training (LFT) workshop is to provide a better understanding of Saskatchewan’s construction legislation and regulations for the successful application of the National Building Code of Canada (NBC) 2020 and the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2020. The LFT workshop is open to a broad range of stakeholders at no cost. Workshop topics include:

- NBC 2020, Division A, Part 2 – Objectives
- NBC 2020, Division A, Part 3 – Functional Statements
- NBC 2020, Division C – Administrative Provisions
- The Administrative Requirements for Use with the National Building Code of Canada, 1985
- *The Construction Codes Act*

- *The Building Code Regulations*
- *The Energy Code Regulations*
- Building Bylaw and Enforcement Guide complete with Model Building Bylaw
- Alternative Solutions

Date: September 23 and 24, 2026

Times: 8 – 11:30 a.m., 12:45 – 4:30 p.m. on both days

Location: Royal Hotel Regina, 4025 Albert Street, Regina, SK, S4S 3R6

Visit the [Building and Technical Standards Course](#) page to register and see other courses available.

Building and Technical Standards Fall 2026 ½ Day Workshop - Virtual

BTS is pleased to offer a half-day virtual workshop on the following four topics:

- Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation: A Deep Dive into Canada's Housing Design Catalogue
- Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan: The National Plumbing Code of Canada and the Inspection Process
- Radon Gas: Awareness and Regulatory Compliance
- Building and Technical Standards: 2026-27 Mid-Year Update

The purpose of the workshop is to review and provide practical examples of construction standards and how they are applied to each topic. This includes outlining the path to compliance with the National Building Code of Canada, in addition to provincial legislation (where applicable).

Date: May 14, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

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2025 Code Adoption Workshops

Adopting the 2025 editions of the National Building Code of Canada, the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings, the National Plumbing Code of Canada and the National Fire Code of Canada is proposed for January 1, 2027.

BTS will host workshops in Regina and Saskatoon to highlight the significant changes to the 2025 codes. The workshop will be of interest to building owners and managers, industry professionals, municipal officials, building officials, fire inspectors, designers and other code users.

Regina

October 20, 2026

8 – 11:30 a.m., 12:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Royal Hotel Regina

4025 Albert Street

Saskatoon

October 26, 2026

8 – 11:30 a.m., 12:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Travelodge Saskatoon

106 Circle Drive West

Visit the [Building and Technical Standards Course](#) page to register and see other courses available.

Construction Codes Advisories and Guides

BTS is currently creating and updating its advisories and guides to ensure they reflect current codes and standards. As part of this effort, the following documents have been recently posted:

- [Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms – Protecting People in Their Homes](#) – Updated July 2026
- [Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings](#) – Updated July 2026
- [Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms - Alternative Family Care Homes, Family Child Care Homes and Caregiver Homes Approved for Children in the Care of the Ministry of Social Services](#) – Updated July 2026
- [Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms – Municipality Liability](#) – Updated July 2026
- [Shipping Containers](#) – Updated July 2026

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