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BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

On April 15th the Building and Safety Policy Branch of British Columbia announced that new requirements for energy and water efficiency have now been added to the BC Building Code, effective on September 5, 2008.

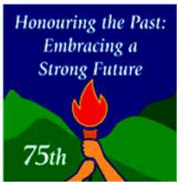
The new provisions are the first step in greening the Code and supporting the Province's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 33 percent below current levels by 2020. The provisions include energy efficiency requirements for single family houses, multi-family residential, multi-rise multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.

The provisions also mandate 6 litre per flush water closets, a provision the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating and the Canadian Advisory Council on Plumbing have been striving for.

The new requirements will apply to both new construction and renovations in BC. They will apply to building permit applications submitted on or after September 5, 2008.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/green/>



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