

2015 MRC (effective February 8th)

As always, there are numerous changes to the residential code. Please review the following list for some of the significant changes:

1. **Footing size per Table R403.1** – In many cases, the old standard 16" x 8" footing will not be sufficient.
2. **Mechanical ventilation** is required for new homes. Houses are required to be more "air tight" so fresh air is important.
3. New homes and additions will be required to provide a **blower door test not to exceed 4 ACH** (air changes per hour).
4. A minimum 75% of lamps must be high efficacy.
5. GFCI devices are required for laundry and dishwasher circuits. Also, they must be readily accessible.
6. Garages are required to have a dedicated circuit.