

Did you know...

ON-LINE PERMITTING AND PERMIT INFORMATION:

The online E-Connect website is a great tool for accessing information regarding your County issued building permit. Go to www3.leegov.com/econnect click on Permit Search, enter the Permit/Case Number or other information, in the appropriate fields as the example shows and hit enter. Click the blue permit number for additional information on the permit.

PAYMENT OF FEES:

Re inspection and Solid Waste fees can be paid by credit card online, or by phone as well as cash or check paid in person. Go online at www3.leegov.com/econnect under the fees table click on Pay Fees, call 239-533-8997, press * (star), or see the 1st floor cashier at 1500 Monroe Street in downtown Fort Myers.

RE INSPECTION FEES DUE BEFORE INSPECTIONS REQUESTED:

Effective March 1, 2007, all rough framing (105) inspections will require the payment of any open fees on the permit, including re-inspection fees, in order to process the request. The payment may be made online at www3.leegov.com/econnect ; by phone at 239-533-8997 option * (star); by mail at P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902-0398; or at the cashier's desk at 1500 Monroe St., downtown Fort Myers. Payments by phone will need a second call to generate the inspection request.

GARBAGE FEES:

As of September 1, 2006 Solid Waste (garbage) fees on new construction will be collected in the month of September. The September payment will cover 12 months of service (October through September). The September rates include a 4 percent discount. Garbage fees are due before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued on any new construction and are added to the fee table on www3.leegov.com/econnect when the final mechanical (AC) inspection is passed. For information on collection and recycling services, visit their website at <http://www3.leegov.com/solidwaste>.

OBTAINING CERT OF OCCUPANCY & CERT OF COMPLIANCE:

Certificates of Occupancy and Compliance can be printed on www3.leegov.com/econnect by scrolling down pass the fees table to Documents for Activities. Click on blue line next to Certificate of Occ. Issued (F) or Compliance Cert Issued (F) to print the document. Or by calling 239-533-8997 and pressing option 6. You will be asked to enter the permit number and after site address verification, you enter you 10 digit fax number (including the area code). **Please note**, if you are calling from Naples, press 2 for calling outside the local calling area.

TERMITE CERTIFICATES:

Termite Certificates are posted on line at www3.leegov.com/econnect under the Permit/Sub permit Activity as Termite Cert Req. / Issued. The comments field will show the pest company name if complete or missing items if incomplete. For Florida Bldg Code reference 105.10 & 18163.1 regarding termite treatment, go to the ICC Online Library at <http://ecodes.iccsafe.org>.

FEMA & FLOOD ELEVATION CERTIFICATES:

Flood Elevation (FEMA) Certificates are posted on line at www3.leegov.com/econnect under the Inspections section as Insp - Elevation Certificate. Building under construction certificates are posted as PART (partial) while Finished Construction certificates are posted as DONE (final). Currently, we do not require a spot survey. For the FEMA website, click www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm_form.shtm.

RESTAURANT HEALTH INSPECTIONS:

Restaurants with an ASSEMBLY Occupancy use will require approval from the Department of Business & Professional Regulation Hotels and Restaurants Division. For more information, call 850-487-1395 or click www.myflorida.com/dbpr/hr/index.shtml.

BUILDING CODE INFORMATION:

Construction plans are reviewed and buildings are inspected in accordance with the following codes: **2004 Florida Building Code:** Building (Structural), Electrical, Gas (LP/Propane), Mechanical, Plumbing, Swimming Pools; **State of Florida:** Energy, Accessibility; **2001 Fire Prevention Code:** Fire, Life Safety; **Lee County:** Coastal Construction Code, Flood Plain Management Ordinance. For Building Code Information visit these sites online: www.floridabuilding.org & www.iccsafe.org & www.boaf.net.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SITE APPROVAL & INSPECTIONS:

Development Review site inspections (landscaping, parking, etc) are initiated by the Engineer of Record submitting a Letter of Substantial Compliance to Development Services. For more information, please call Development Services at 239-533-8587.

OBTAINING INSPECTION RESULTS:

Go to www3.leegov.com/econnect click on Permit Search, enter the Permit/Case Number or other information in the appropriate fields as the example shows and hit enter. Click the blue permit number for additional information on the permit and by scrolling down through the blocks of text to Inspection section of historical data. Additionally, you can hear results of an inspection by using calling 239-533-8997, Option 3 on the Automated System.

SIGN INSPECTIONS:

Sign inspections are called in on 239-533-8997 and performed by Code Enforcement Inspectors. For more information, please call their office directly at 239-533-5895.

DRIVEWAY INSPECTIONS:

Residential driveway and/or culvert inspections are called in on 239-533-8997 and handled by the Dept of Transportation. Please contact them directly at 239-533-9300 for more information.

SAN CARLOS DRAINAGE DISTRICT BONITA SPRINGS DRIVEWAY INSPECTIONS:

For new residential development within the San Carlos Estates Drainage District in Bonita Springs, you will need to call Morris-Depew Associates Inc. at 239-337-3993 for guidance on their inspection procedure.

SEPTIC INSPECTIONS:

The Division of Environmental Health, which issues permits for septic systems, is located on the second floor of the Regional Service Center, 2295 Victoria Avenue, in downtown Fort Myers. The phone number is 239-690-2100; fax is 239-690-2101. The office is a division of the Florida Department of Health. To schedule inspections, please call their office.

WELL INSPECTIONS:

Well inspections are completed by the Natural Resources Wells Department. Please call, 239-543-8540 for more information.

FENCE INSPECTIONS:

Fence inspections are called in on 239-533-8997 and performed by Code Enforcement Inspectors. For more information, please call their office directly at 239-533-5895.

TURTLE INSPECTIONS:

Sea Turtle Inspection/Turtle Lighting Inspections are requested through Environmental Services staff. Please call, 239-533-8389 for guidance on their inspection procedures.

COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION:

The coastal letter confirms what was built is in compliance with Coastal Construction and requires an Professional Engineer or licensed Land Surveyor to validate the content of the letter. For Land Development Code reference Section 6-332 (5) *Certification of Compliance* regarding coastal requirements and sample language, go to the online library at www.municode.com.

THRESHOLD CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION:

Threshold Buildings require a Final Threshold Letter to be submitted to the Inspection Office provided by a Threshold Engineer registered with Lee County. For more information on the 2004 Florida Building Code reference Section 109.3.6.4.1 regarding language, go to the ICC Online Library at <http://ecodes.iccsafe.org>.

TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL POWER ELECTRIC SERVICE:

Effective June 2003, the Temporary/Permanent Power Letter required for release of temporary/permanent (temp/perm) power is being printed and signed at the time of **permit issuance**. The letter is part of the building permit file and no further paperwork is required for the request of the temp/perm power inspection. If your permit was issued prior to June 2003, you may call our office and we will fax you the form which: (1) only requires one signature of the contractor of record or an authorized signer, thus eliminating the need for the electrician and owner/agent signatures, (2) facsimile are now acceptable, and (3) the new edited letter replaces the previous TUG/TOH letter & the four page Commercial Letter. The temp/perm power inspection codes for the IVR (Automated System) remain unchanged: residential temporary underground (302), residential temporary overhead (310), commercial temp/perm power (306), and commercial house meter only (308). If you have any questions, please call the inspection office at 239-533-5801.

BUILDING INSPECTION OFFICE ADDRESS AND BUSINESS HOURS:

Lee County Building Inspections is located on the second floor of the County/City Annex Building in downtown Fort Myers. Our physical address is 1825 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901. Our mailing address is Lee County Building Inspections P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

BUILDING INSPECTOR AVAILABILITY AND OFFICE HOURS:

Inspectors are available by phone and in person from 7:30 to 8:00 in the morning and from 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.