

**Upper Darby Township
Code Requirements and Contractor Licenses**

Upper Darby Township has adopted the UCC (State Wide Building Code), using the 2003 International Code Family and Successive code editions will take effect December of the edition year. The following Codes are enforced:

International Building Code 2003
(base code for commercial construction)
ICC Electrical Code 2003
(utilizes 2002 National Electric Code standards)
International Energy Conservation Code 2003
International Existing Building Code 2003
International Fire Code 2003
International Fuel Gas Code 2003
International Mechanical Code 2003
International Performance Code for Building and Facilities 2003
(provides alternative compliance approach)
International Plumbing Code 2003
International Residential Code 2003
(for one- and two-family dwellings no more than 3 stores in height)
International Urban-Wildland Interface Code 2003

These code books may be purchased from the International Code Council, either off their website (www.iccsafe.org) or by calling the ICC at 1-800-786-4452.

Other things that might come into play:

Zoning – Land Development – Subdivision

When submitting plans, we may require sealed drawings, but, if not, the plans must be clear and concise.

Upper Darby Township also provides a list that is made available to residents of Upper Darby Township to aid in their choosing of contractors. The Department of Licenses and Inspection will publish updated lists of contractors licensed to perform work in the Township. The list will be posted at the Municipal Building, public libraries, senior centers, state legislative offices and posted on this website.

The Township is not endorsing any of the contractors on this list, but simply providing the public with a better means to choose contractors. It is illegal for a contractor to perform any work in the Township without being currently licensed and insured. It has been the experience of the Township that most of the complaints received from residents about poor work is performed by unlicensed contractors.

The resident should request to see the permit from the contractor to verify that a permit has been issued. The Township will verify when a contractor applies for a permit that their license and insurance is current. It is recommended that if work performed by a contractor does not require a permit, property owners should verify whether the contractor's license and insurance is still current. Residents and business owners are also advised to enter into a written agreement with a contractor before having work done on their property.