



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ BROCHURES

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Recovery and Rebuilding: EPLAN FAQ

Losses from wildfires can be devastating. The County of Santa Cruz is committed to rebuilding our community as quickly as possible. This brochure provides information to orient you to the electronic processing of building permit applications.

Q. How do I submit plans to the County?

A. All plans are submitted electronically through the ePlan portal. Enter at <http://scceplanreview.santacruzcounty.us/>. Fire recovery building permits will be processed separately from regular business so they can be given priority.

Q. How long will it take to get my plans reviewed?

A. All fire damage recovery permits will be expedited.

The simplest and quickest process will be for replacement homes that are substantially the same as the original (or no more than 10% larger) and in the same location. Non-conforming structures, homes in the Coastal Zone and even sites adjacent to waterways can be rebuilt in-place, in-kind, with only a building permit. Projects that are not in-kind will also receive priority review but may have more detailed application requirements in some instances, or could trigger discretionary permits in certain locations.

Q. Do I have to hire an architect or designer to draw or submit my plans?

A. No. Owner/builders may draw and submit plans. However, if you have an architect or designer they will likely have an ePlan account and be experienced in uploading plans to the portal. Preparing the digital documents can be a tricky process for beginners.

Q. If I do choose to draw my own plans, can I get help submitting them?

A. Most owner/builders use a professional service to make plans digital and upload them into the portal. A list of business that provide that service is available on the County website at <http://scceplanreview.santacruzcounty.us/>. You will also find links to helpful “how to” videos on YouTube.

Find additional and updated information online at www.sccoplanning.com.

