

NEW BUILDING REGULATIONS

The Town of Woodside has amended the Building Regulations to require the following fire safety provisions:

Effective April 9, 2009:

For all existing structures:

- All new and replacement roof coverings and roof assemblies will be required to be Class A fire retardant
- All new and replacement exterior glazing will be required to be fire resistant
- All new and replacement decks, landings, stairs within 10 feet of a structure will be required to be fire resistant

Effective May 1, 2009:

For all new buildings:

- **Roofing:** Class A roofing will be required. Roof and attic vents shall resist the intrusion of flame and embers into the attic area of the structure.
- **Exterior walls:** Exterior walls are required to be noncombustible or ignition-resistant material, heavy timber, or log wall construction, and must provide protection from the intrusion of flames and embers.
- **Exterior windows:** Exterior windows, window walls, glazed doors, and glazed opening within exterior doors shall be insulating-glass units with a minimum of one tempered pane, or glass block units, or have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 20 minutes.
- **Decking:** Decking within ten feet of the primary structure must be constructed of an ignition-resistant material, or of heavy timber, exterior fire-retardant treated wood, or approved noncombustible materials.
- **Underfloors:** The underside of cantilevered and overhanging portions of the building must maintain the ignition-resistant integrity of the exterior walls. Buildings shall also have all underfloor areas enclosed to grade with exterior walls.