

LA County Recovers

Unified Permit Process

In order to streamline permit processes and reduce the number of applications required for each Rebuild Project, the County implemented a Unified Permit in August 2025. To submit, visit epicla.lacounty.gov and apply for a County Disaster Recover Permit - Rebuild Project.

STEP 1 Start Permit Application

Submit your application at a One-Stop Permit Center or through [EpicLA.lacounty.gov](https://epicla.lacounty.gov), the County's online portal. County Staff need architectural plans including site, floor, and elevation information, to start zoning conformance review and may require additional materials before issuing a zoning clearance.

STEP 2 Submit Full Building Package

Once your plans have been reviewed to ensure they meet zoning requirements, you can submit full building plans for review, along with any additional information LA County may need in order to issue your permit. Plans will automatically be routed internally for the following reviews:

- Geotechnical & Materials Engineering (GMED)
- Encroachment Permit
- Drainage & Grading
- Building Plan Review
- Fire Building Plan Review
- Public Health Review – Septic Systems
- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Water Department Fire Flow Form



STEP 3 Wait for Review Completion

The County review process is targeted to be completed within 10 business days. If plans are not approved, a comprehensive set of comments will be available in the "Attachments" portion of the permit within EPIC-LA. Resubmittals will be accepted once responses to all comments have been received. The review will again be routed to all outstanding reviewers and re-reviewed within 5-10 business days. Approved plans will receive a building permit and you may hire a contractor to begin building.

For more detailed information on the rebuild process, please visit recovery.lacounty.gov/rebuilding



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STEP 4 Plans Approved

Approved Plans

The approved plans will be a comprehensive plan set of all Agency approvals with the exception of Planning, which was received during the zoning conformance review. The stamped plans can be found in the “Attachments” section of the application once the permit is issued.

Additional Outstanding Agencies

Once your plans are approved, agencies not included as part of the Unified Permit (e.g. School Fees, Water Will Serve Letters, Sanitation reviews, Library fees, etc.) will need to be uploaded into the “Review Files” section of the application for review.

Permit Issued

Permit will be found in the “Attachments” section of the application along with the job card (inspection record), that can be printed.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I submit to individual agencies without having all comments completed?

Yes, however you are at-risk and outside the Unified Permit Process Authority. The intention behind a unified permit is for a comprehensive review from all agencies to reduce the number of iterations. Therefore, a complete response is required for each review.

Where do I find my comments?

All comments are in the “Attachments” section within the permit application. Note the file names are not changed by the reviewers.

Who do I contact if I have questions regarding the process?

The contact listed on the application will be your best resource. Click on the assigned person and it will provide their contact information. Alternatively, you can call the Altadena or Calabasas One-Stop Centers. If you are receiving error codes or messages, please contact epiclahelp@lacounty.gov.

What if I submitted prior to August 2025?

Your plans will still be routed internally; however they will not have one application number. Each agency will have their own respective number that you will submit through.



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