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EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-25 IMPLEMENTATION

This handout serves as a resource for the implementation of Executive Order N-29-25 that suspends rooftop solar and battery storage installation requirements and the 2025 California Building Standards Code for rebuilding of structures impacted by the January 2025 Eaton Fire and Palisades Fire.



SUSPENSION OF SOLAR & BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Executive Order N-29-25 exempts buildings impacted by fires from the solar and battery requirements found in Sections 140, 150 and 170.

While exempt from installing a solar/battery system, projects are still required to comply with the solar ready requirements in Section 110.10.

ADUs built as part of a project to rebuild the primary residence are eligible for the same exemption from installing solar, but must meet solar ready requirements in Section 110.10.

Section 110.10 Solar Readiness requirements are applicable to:

- Single family homes
- Accessory dwelling units
- Multifamily buildings (both low rise and high rise) and hotel/motel buildings.
- Nonresidential buildings other than Occupancy Group I and I-2.

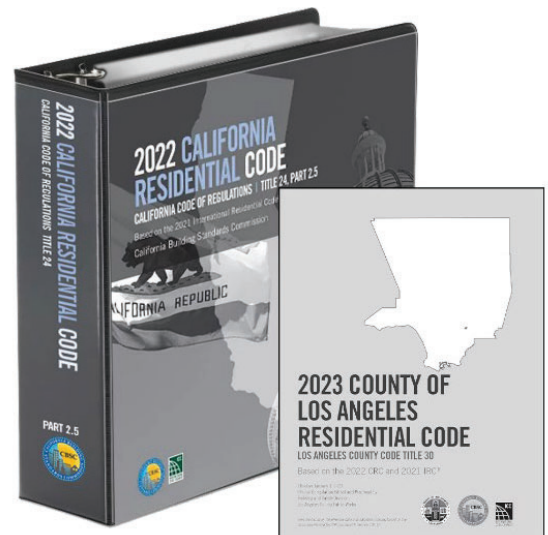
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When **solar ready requirements** are applicable, here is what needs to be shown:

- Minimum reserved roof space: 250 sf for SFR, 15% of total roof area for multifamily, hotel/motel, nonresidential buildings.
- Wall space (interior or exterior) reserved for future equipment (inverters, metering equipment, etc.)
- Pathway reserved for conduit routing between electrical service and roof area reserved for future solar system.
- Electrical service rating minimum 200A with 2P breaker space reserved for future system connection.

SUSPENSION OF 2025 BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS

For fire rebuilds, standards in the 2025 California Building Standards Code are suspended, with the exception of the fire and public safety requirements presented by the State Fire Marshal and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, provided that the projects comply instead with the 2022 California Building Standards Code. Applicable minimum elevation standards established in the 2025 California Building Standards Code or any subsequent updates to the Code (consistent with federal guidance on the implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program), and any applicable requirement to produce a required elevation certificate, shall continue to apply.



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




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