



# Bulletin

## GET BUILDING SOONER IN MARKHAM !

The Town of Markham Building Standards Department is pleased to announce that building new homes in Markham just got better with the introduction of Pre-permit Housing Water Service and Sewer inspections.

According to the Ontario Building Code, no construction can proceed before a building permit is issued. We recognize the need for ‘pre-servicing’ residential lots with plumbing that is now included in the building permit application. Markham will enable such construction by providing inspections of storm and sanitary sewers and water service piping before the construction of the house has been authorized.

Starting immediately builders may install their water service and building sewers once an application for a building permit has been submitted for the work to be installed. Building inspectors will inspect the installation prior to the building permit being issued.<sup>(1)</sup> During the inspection building inspectors will confirm the following;

- > cross-connections are avoided by viewing the connection of the storm and sanitary sewers to the street laterals.
- > the full length of the water service pipe for material, size, depth, and spatial separation.
- > storm and sanitary piping for material, slope, size, depth, bedding, etc.

It is the intention of this new procedure to facilitate our customers’ construction schedule while ensuring the building sewers and water service pipe are installed to operate properly and provide the occupants with a healthy living environment and safe drinking water. This is a pilot project which will hopefully be made permanent with an amendment to the building by-law.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Where construction of the foundation or any other work has started without a building permit, the Pre-permit Water Service Pipe Inspection and Pre-Permit Sewer Inspection will not be conducted and an Order to Comply will be issued for constructing without a building permit.

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