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Carbondale: Building a Sustainable Future

Nestled in the heart of the Roaring Fork Valley, Carbondale, Colorado, has long been a beacon of sustainability and environmental stewardship. This year, the town is making a significant leap by updating its building codes from the 2009 standards and 2015 energy code to the more stringent 2021 codes, reflecting its commitment to a greener future.

Carbondale's journey toward sustainability is deeply rooted in community initiatives and forward-thinking policies. In 2017, the town adopted the Climate and Energy Action Plan, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. This ambitious plan laid the groundwork for integrating climate action goals into various facets of town planning and development. During a Board of Trustees meeting in June 2024, discussions highlighted the importance of aligning the new energy codes with existing building standards to ensure a smooth transition. Trustees emphasized the need for adequate resources and staffing to effectively implement these updates without placing undue burdens on the community.

As Carbondale embraces the 2021 building codes, it stands as a testament to what a community can achieve when united by a common vision. By prioritizing sustainability while thoughtfully addressing the needs of its residents and businesses, Carbondale continues to lead by example, paving the way for a greener and more resilient future.

Code Training Spotlight



INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN IN-PERSON TRAINING?

Our team of instructors and code experts are here to assist your community and local builders in complying with your locally adopted building and energy codes.

To discuss hosting an in-person training contact Hope directly at hope.medina@shumscoda.com for availability or possible training topics.

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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2025 GAME ON!

GET IN THE GAME AND CELEBRATE BUILDING SAFETY!

The 45th annual Building Safety Month will be celebrated internationally during the month of May to raise awareness about building safety. This celebration reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the celebration and learn about the essential work of the building safety and construction community.

**The 2025 Building Safety Month theme is
“Game On.”**

The hardworking members of our local building communities are the code officials, plan reviewers, fire inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, design professionals, contractors and others in the construction industry, including staff at the International Code Council, who work to ensure the safety of the buildings where we live, work and play. These professionals provide the first line of defense against building disasters; working vigilantly to ensure the safety of our communities.

BSM WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 THE WARM-UP

Discover how building safety impacts our daily lives including the places where we work, learn and play.

WEEK 2: BUILD YOUR OFFENSE

Create a plan to actively support building safety programs in your community

WEEK 3: BUILD YOUR DEFENSE

Stay prepared for natural hazards such as severe weather, wildfires, earthquakes and more with our disaster toolkits.

WEEK 4: THE STARTING LINEUP

Meet building safety professionals and learn about rewarding careers in building safety.

WEEK 5: GOING INTO OVERTIME!

See what's next for the building safety industry, including global trends, artificial intelligence and more.

Learn more about Building Safety Month at www.buildingsafetymonth.org or join the conversation on social media using #BuildingSafety365.

More Ways You Can Get Involved:

Join the various workshops and events organized throughout the month to enhance your understanding of building safety.

Spread the word! **Share** relevant information with your neighbors, friends, and colleagues. The more people that are properly informed, the safer our community becomes.

Participate in **discussions** about building safety within our community. Your input and ideas are valuable in creating a safer living environment for everyone.

Stay safe, stay informed, and let's build a resilient community together!

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Upcoming Trainings

1-HR AIA & ICC CE CREDIT PROVIDED FOR EACH WEBINAR SESSION



Wednesday Webinar Series

Wednesdays, 12:00pm-1:00pm

- 4/16/2025 Exterior Energy Use
- 5/21/2025 Interior Horticulture and Energy: Growing Your Own Program
- 6/18/2025 Multi-Family: Energy Use Outside fo the Dwelling

2024 IECC Residential Compliance Path Deep Dive Series

Tuesdays, 8:00am-9:00am



DATE	2024/2021 Comparison
4/22	What's New in Prescriptive Methods?
4/29	What's New in Total Building Performance?
5/6	What's New in Energy Rating Index?

If you have a special training request, code questions, or are interested in hosting an in-person training session. Please let us know.

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