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## Update – Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation

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### Regulation

The Solar Hot Water Ready requirement for single family homes is one of many initiatives the Province has taken to fulfil its commitment to embrace green technologies; reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency opportunities. The optional new requirement enables local governments to mandate that all new single family dwellings be solar hot water ready within their communities while recognizing that not all communities will benefit from solar installations.

Due to an overwhelming response in interest, the opportunity for local governments to sign on to the Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation has been extended. Please respond no later than January 15, 2012 with a resolution from your Council or Board stating your jurisdiction's wish to be included in the list of local government jurisdictions that will be 'Solar Hot Water Ready'.

More information regarding this regulation can be found on the Building and Safety Standards website:

<http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/index.htm>

### Guidelines

The "GUIDE TO THE PROVINCE OF BC SOLAR HOT WATER READY REGULATION" has been updated and is attached. We ask that local governments make this information available to homeowners and builders in their jurisdiction.

### Truss Design

As the primary point of contact for homeowners and builders who must comply with the Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation, building departments may want to inform homeowners and builders of potential implications on truss design. This awareness will give the builder or homeowner an opportunity to inform the truss supplier of any potential changes required to the truss design.