

Palacios Construction Addresses Energy Code Changes Affecting Fall Kitchen and Bath Remodels in Monterey County

New statewide energy standards affecting permits add a planning step for fall kitchen and bathroom projects

MONTEREY, CA, UNITED STATES, September 11, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Palacios Construction, a [licensed general contractor serving Monterey County](#), is addressing questions from homeowners about how updated [statewide energy building standards](#) affect kitchen and bathroom remodeling projects permitted this fall. The standards, which apply to permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2026, have introduced new considerations for electrical capacity, ventilation and appliance planning that homeowners are encouraged to factor into their project timelines.



As Monterey County homeowners move into the fall remodeling season, many are weighing whether to complete projects before the holidays or begin planning work for early next year. For kitchen and bathroom remodels specifically, that planning now includes a review of how a home's existing electrical panel, wiring and ventilation will support the appliances and fixtures a homeowner intends to install, since certain upgrades can be affected by the updated standards during the permitting process.

Homeowners undertaking a kitchen remodel are increasingly asking whether panel capacity supports induction cooking or added circuits, and whether ventilation plans meet current requirements. Bathroom projects raise similar questions around water heating equipment and electrical planning. These questions are becoming a routine part of early project scoping, alongside more familiar considerations such as layout, plumbing and finish selections.



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Fall is also a season in which [regional energy programs](#) make rebates and incentives available to homeowners replacing gas-powered appliances with electric alternatives, including heat-pump water heaters and induction ranges. Homeowners considering these upgrades as part of a kitchen or bathroom remodel can factor program timing into their project schedule, since rebate availability and application steps vary by provider and may need to be coordinated alongside permitting.

Permitting itself remains a frequent point of confusion for homeowners regardless of the season. Requirements differ by jurisdiction across the Monterey Peninsula, and questions about who is responsible for pulling permits, what triggers plan review, and how inspections are scheduled continue to come up as homeowners evaluate contractors for fall and early winter projects.

"Homeowners planning a kitchen or bathroom remodel this fall are asking more questions about electrical capacity and permitting than they were a year ago," said Christian Palacios, owner of Palacios Construction. "Addressing those questions early, before a project is scoped, helps avoid delays once permits are submitted."

The shift reflects a broader pattern across California's residential construction sector, where updated energy standards are prompting contractors and homeowners alike to factor electrical and mechanical planning into projects earlier than in past years. Industry observers note that homeowners who address these questions during initial planning, rather than after permit submission, are generally better positioned to avoid delays tied to plan review or inspection corrections.

For Monterey County specifically, permitting can involve more than one local agency depending on the scope of work, particularly when plumbing fixtures are added or relocated. Homeowners are encouraged to confirm current requirements with their local building department and, where applicable, any regional water management agency before finalizing project plans.

Palacios Construction manages the planning, permitting and construction of kitchen remodels, bathroom remodels, home additions and outdoor living projects for homeowners throughout Monterey County, including Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Seaside, Marina and Salinas. The company's process includes reviewing a home's existing electrical and mechanical systems during early project scoping, coordinating required permits with local jurisdictions, and helping homeowners understand how appliance and fixture choices may interact with current code requirements.

Homeowners considering a fall kitchen or bathroom project are encouraged to begin the

planning conversation early, given that permit review timelines and program-based incentives can both affect how quickly a project moves from planning to construction.

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