



# DECKS

## REGULATIONS

- ▶ Both a development permit and a building permit are required for decks that are two feet or greater from grade;
- ▶ With a completed development permit, please submit a site plan showing where you would like to build your deck. Please include the dimensions of the deck and the setbacks from your property boundaries;
- ▶ You must apply for your development permit first and receive approval. Upon development permit approval, your building permit may be granted. You must have an approved Building Permit prior to building the deck. If you proceed with construction prior to the appropriate permits being granted, fines may be applied.
- ▶ At the building permit stage, please submit a drawing showing how you will build your deck including:
  - ✓ Floor joist type and spacing
  - ✓ Size and type of deck planking
  - ✓ Size of deck (length, width, height)
  - ✓ Size of beams and number of piles
  - ✓ Size and spacing of columns
  - ✓ Type of columns
  - ✓ Construction of guard and handrails
  - ✓ Construction of stairs (rise and run)
  - ✓ Type of foundation
- ▶ Always remember to call Alberta 1 Call before you dig – 1.800.242.3447 (allow 3 working days notice prior to starting your project).
- ▶ Remember to contact your home insurance company – you may need further coverage for your project.
- ▶ Once your deck is constructed, contact the Town of Didsbury to arrange for the final inspection of the project
- ▶ Fees are applicable for both the development permit and the building permit. Fees are regulated by the Town of Didsbury rate and fee schedule.

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