Minimum Occupancy Requirements Checklist for Single-Family Dwellings



The following are provided to be a minimum list of requirements to achieve occupancy for a single-family home. As all projects vary with unique or different circumstances, there may be added requirements for certain projects, therefore you are responsible for checking with the Building Department for further information on your specific project.

Guards must not have any open dimensions exceeding 4 inches
Vent covers installed
No exposed electrical wiring
Stairs, guards, and handrails must comply with Section 9.8.1:
Interior: Handrail required for more than 2 risers
Exterior: Handrail required for more than 3 risers
WETT certification provided (if applicable)
Final plumbing inspection completed
ESA Certificate of Acceptance obtained
Smoke alarms must:
Meet CAN/ULC-S553 standards
 Be audible and include visual strobe signals (per NFPA 72, Section 18.5.3)
Be interconnected
• Be installed in each sleeping room, outside sleeping areas in hallways, and on every level or
the home
Attic insulation installed
Kitchen sink operational, functioning washroom available, and hot/cold running water provided
All ICG/foam insulation must be covered with an approved material per Ontario Building Code
All stages of septic system installation completed and inspected
Compliance with Division C, Subsection 1.3.3 – Occupancy of Buildings
Self-closing devices installed on doors between attached garage and dwelling
Approved heating system installed and operational
Safe and approved access provided to the main entrance

For more information or if you have any questions, please email building@trenthills.ca