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To All RESCON Members:

Changes to the Ontario Electrical Code

As of May 1, 2012 the 25th edition of the Ontario Electric Safety Code will replace the previous edition and contain several changes specific to low-rise residential electrical installations and inspections. Please see the following outline for areas where residential homes will be affected.

1. Connection authorization for a meter (new hydro meters) is valid for only six months.
2. LED lighting fixtures (even low voltage) need to be properly approved.
3. Conductor capacities have changed.
4. Boxes intended to support ceiling fans must be approved for the purpose.
5. Exterior outlets will require an in-use cover.
6. Counter outlets will now need to be tamper resistant.
7. Outlets installed 2 meters above finished floor or behind appliances are no longer required to be tamper resistant.
8. The wording has been changed from laundry area to laundry room so that an unfinished laundry area does not require an additional outlet.
9. Requirements for outlets on an island and peninsula have changed and therefore more outlets may be required. Kitchen designs may need to be adjusted to accommodate these additional outlets. Additional cut outs may also be required.
10. If a garage door opener is installed a receptacle must be provided.
11. A thermostat for a heated floor must now be installed at least a meter away from a tub or shower (similar to the rule for a switch in the same location).
12. New rules have been created for Electric Vehicle Charging Systems. These may affect load calculations for the service size.

For more information, contact the Greater Toronto ECA 416-391-3226.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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