

ENERGY CODES IN THE SOUTHWEST

Updated 2021



UTAH

Utah has adopted the 2018 IECC's Commercial chapters and the 2015 IECC's Residential chapters as its mandatory code. Jurisdictions must update their building code to align with state adopted codes, and may not modify them unless they receive legislative approval. The commercial code is unamended and is on a three-year adoption cycle, while the residential code is modified to be less-efficient than the base code and is on a six-year adoption cycle.



WYOMING

Wyoming is a home-rule state and codes are adopted at the local level. Some jurisdictions follow the Wyoming Dept. of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety which adopts the IBC code with reference to other ICC codes, but the IECC is not included. The state updates these codes on a three-year cycle and they will be moving to the 2021 I-codes. Some local jurisdictions have adopted the 2018 IECC including Cheyenne, Casper, and Laramie.



NEVADA

Nevada is reviewing the 2021 IECC and is anticipated to adopt it. Until then, Nevada's statewide energy code for residential and commercial buildings is based on the 2018 IECC and became effective in July 2018. Jurisdictions are not mandated to adopt the state code. Major jurisdictions in Southern Nevada have worked together to review and adopt common amendments to the 2018.



COLORADO

Colorado is a home rule state, where building energy codes are adopted and enforced on a local level. A 2019 law requires all jurisdictions to adopt at least one of the three most recent versions of the IECC when updating other building codes. Approx. 83% of Colorado population lives in a jurisdiction with the 2015 IECC or better. Denver and at least a dozen other jurisdictions are moving to the 2021 IECC.



ARIZONA

Arizona is a home rule state, where building energy codes are adopted and enforced at the local level. Phoenix, Tucson, and Pima County are on the 2018 IECC. More than half of new construction activity in the state occurs in jurisdictions with the 2018 or 2015 IECC.



NEW MEXICO

New Mexico adopted the 2018 IECC as its mandatory statewide energy code for both residential and commercial, effective 2019. The state's Construction Industry Division enforces building codes statewide. Local jurisdictions can adopt new or more efficient energy codes but must provide their own code enforcement.



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