



Energy Code Ace is Decoding Title 24, Part 6

New website offers free tools, training and resources on California's building energy code

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The California Statewide Codes & Standards Program is pleased to announce the launch of EnergyCodeAce.com, its new website designed to help building industry professionals and consumers meet the requirements of the state's building energy code, Title 24, Part 6. The site offers free tools, training and resources developed to "decode" these standards for the wide range of people who need to understand them, including building department personnel, architects, lighting designers, builders, contractors, energy consultants, and building and homeowners, to name a few.

The site should be particularly helpful as people prepare for the new 2013 Title 24 requirements which become effective July 1, 2014. "We want to provide a 'one-stop shop' of free offerings that allow people to feel more comfortable and confident as they work to comply with California's building energy code," said Jill Marver, Statewide Codes & Standards Program manager. "We know the Standards can be daunting, and we want people to feel like they can truly be 'energy code aces' – not just so they comply with the law, but also so they understand how what they do really impacts the amount of energy that can be saved by doing things the right way. We estimate that between now and 2020 savings across the state if everyone complied with the energy codes would be approximately equivalent to removing 2.6 million cars from the road and deferring the need to run a 500 MW power plant for 16 years."



The [suite of free tools](#) available on EnergyCodeAce.com is designed to help you identify the forms, installation techniques, and standards relevant to building projects in California, and include:

- Forms Ace™ - aids in determining which compliance forms are applicable to your specific project;
- Reference Ace™ - helps you navigate the Standards using key word search capabilities, hyperlinked tables and related sections; and
- Crack the Code Industry Workshops™ - downloadable packages designed to help building departments facilitate trainings for local installation contractors.

The Installation Ace,™ a "field guide" to assist you in identifying proper installation techniques and visual aides for some components commonly installed incorrectly, is scheduled to launch in April.





[Free trainings](#) offered by the program target a wide range of “hot topic” measures and audience groups, and are provided in a variety of formats, including:

- Traditional classroom - available through sponsoring utility energy centers or at a location of your request;
- Virtual classroom - delivered online in real-time by an instructor;
- Online self-study - allows you to take trainings at your convenience (coming soon); and
- Decoding Talks –online facilitated discussions with industry professionals

The Energy Code Ace Learning Portal, set to launch this summer, will enhance your training experience by providing a one-stop shop for training opportunities related to California Building Energy Efficiency standards and processes, allowing you access to classes and functionalities that will help you keep track of classes you’ve registered for, taken and that are recommended for you.



The site also offers a number of [free resources](#) to help facilitate effective implementation of California's energy building code. These include:

- Trigger Sheets – “Quick reference” component-by-component summaries of sections of 2013 Title 24, Part 6 “triggered” based on project scope;
- Fact Sheets – “Quick reference” summaries of key requirements, forms, definitions and resources for implementing 2013 Title 24, Part 6;
- Checklists – Step-by-step guidance for plans checks and field inspections;
- A list of useful links, telephone numbers and handy documents;
- FAQs on the program, this site and the code, itself;
- A place to submit your own questions; and
- “Ace Studies” – highlighting our “Energy Code Aces” and providing examples of how to correctly apply the code and have it work to your advantage (coming soon).

Registering on the site is encouraged as it allows content to be filtered and targeted messages to be sent to you based on the information you provide. You will also be able to earn “Ace Points” simply by engaging with the site and using its offerings.



About Energy Code Ace

The Energy Code Ace website is developed and provided by the California Statewide Codes & Standards Program, which offers free building energy code training, tools and resources for those who need to understand and meet the requirements of Title 24, Part 6. The program aims to advance the adoption and effective implementation of energy efficiency measures and building practices to lock in long-term energy savings. The program is funded by California utility customers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission and implemented by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas in support of the California Energy Commission. Find out more at www.EnergyCodeAce.com.



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