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New Illustrated User's Guide – NBC 2020: Part 9 of Division B, Housing and Small Buildings

The new [Illustrated User's Guide – NBC 2020: Part 9 of Division B, Housing and Small Buildings](#) is now available. The guide is designed to assist builders and designers in understanding the [National Building Code of Canada \(NBC\) 2020](#) as it applies to housing and small buildings. It provides detailed explanations of the principles and rationale behind the Part 9 provisions.

The guide is available in electronic format for free through the [National Research Council of Canada's \(NRC's\) Publications Archive](#), and in printed format for purchase from the NRC's [Virtual Store](#).

This updated guide offers valuable information, including graphics, examples, and calculations, serving as an effective resource for construction and design. It features revised guidance on critical areas such as window safety in residential buildings and fire protection for home-type care occupancies.

Energy Tier Amendments

Due to rising costs and the demand for affordable housing, Saskatchewan will revert to Tier 1 energy efficiency provisions found in the NBC. Tier 1 provides alignment with Manitoba and Alberta.

Municipal building departments are encouraged to limit energy efficiency requirements to Tier 1 immediately. Regulatory amendments supporting this change are expected to come into force within a few weeks. Builders retain the ability under *The Construction Codes Act* to pursue higher tiers of energy efficiency targets voluntarily and on consumer demand.

For more information please reference the news release [Making Home Construction More Affordable in Saskatchewan](#).

Updated Building Bylaw and Enforcement Guide and Templates

There is a new version of the [Building Bylaw and Enforcement Guide](#), complete with updated templates. This guide provides users with an explanation of the provisions of the CC Act and *The Building Code Regulations*. It explains how a local authority can meet their legislative and regulatory obligations under the CC Act through an approved building bylaw.

The updated guide and templates can be found on the [Building and Technical Standards Publications](#) website.

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