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Answers to Common Questions

Bureau of Engineering – How do I apply for "A," "B," or "S" permits?

"A" permits allow minor street construction in public right-of-ways, such as street easements on city streets, lanes, alleys, parkways and sidewalks. Click here to apply or for more information.

"B" permits are issued for extensive public works improvements including street/alley widening, street grade changes, bridge construction, construction on retaining walls, and the installation of sewers, storm drains, street lighting and traffic signals. Click here to apply or for more information.

"S" permits ensure safe construction on residential sewers, as well as on industrial waste sewer connections, industrial waste storm drain connections, stormdrain connections or any portion of any such sewer or storm drain connection. Click here to apply or for more information.

Bureau of Street Services

How do I report potholes/tree trimming needs/sidewalk damage/etc.?
Use this online form to identify street related problems listing the location and a detailed description.

How do I apply for a curb painting permit?
Use this online form to apply for a permit to paint the curb.

How do I apply for a Building Materials permit online?
Property owners, companies, and contractors should use this application to apply.

How do I apply for a Special Event permit?
Go to http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents to apply online.

How do I submit a street light service request?
This form provides an easy way of submitting Street Lighting Service Requests electronically. If your browser does not allow you to submit forms, please e-mail your request: bsl.streetlighting@lacity.org.

Department of Building and Safety

Where can I check a property's open permits/code violations?

The Department of Building and Safety has an online property activity report here.

Bureau of Sanitation

How do I report illegal dumping in my neighborhood?

Use this online form to submit violations.

If my trash wasn't picked up on its regular day, who do I call?

The Sanitation Call Center can be reached at (800) 773-2489 Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. You can also go online to out this Service Request Form.

Office of Community Beautification

How do I report graffiti online?

The Office of Community Beautification (OCB) encourages residents to call 311 to report graffiti; however, the OCB also maintains an online request form to request graffiti cleanup.

Are there beautification programs in the city I can join?

The Office of Community Beautification coordinates three programs that offers residents the chance to beautify their neighborhood: Adopt-A-Median, Adopt-A-Basket and Adopt-A-Spot. Click here for more information about these groups and how to apply.

Department of Housing

How do I report a code violation?

If you notice substandard/unsanitary conditions of any residential building or dwelling units that render them unfit or unsafe to live in, report it by clicking here.