

## **Contractor License Required**

Contractors working in the unincorporated areas of Meade County are required to obtain a Meade County Contractors License. This applies to all construction. Work done by the land owner on his or her property is exempt.

To obtain a Contractors License, the following will be required:

- Current proof of General Liability and Workman's Comp Insurance.
- Copy of State Excise Tax License
- Initial Fee of \$100 (2-year coverage)

## **Plumbing & Electrical Requirements**

All licenses and permits for electrical and plumbing work are issued through the State Electrical and Plumbing Commission.

State Electrical Commission - 605-773-3573

State Plumbing Commission - 605-773-3429

## **Meade County Equalization & Planning**

**Phone: 605-347-3818**

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**1300 Sherman St.  
Sturgis, SD 57785**

**[www.meadecounty.org](http://www.meadecounty.org)**

## **Meade County Building Permit Requirements**



## Required Documentation to obtain a building permit:

**Site Plan**

Site plan is required to show property lines and insure all required setbacks are met.

**Detailed Foundation Plan**

Foundation plan should show proposed foundation designs in a detailed manner. Should show size depth and bar schedule.

**Truss Design Plan**

Truss Plans must show design loads, wind speed rating, and that they meet the Meade County 40 pound ground snow load.

**Floor Plan**

Detailed plan of the structures layout including unfinished areas. This plan should also include details of the structure.

**Elevation Plan**

Should show exterior information such as wall height.

**Percolation Test**

Percolation test is required when not hooked to a central sewer system. Percolation test must be submitted before building permit will be issued.

**Cost Estimate**

## Plan Review Process

- Meade County plan review process takes a minimum of 48 hours once all required documentation is received.

## Required Inspections

**Foundation Inspection**

Foundation inspections must be completed before any concrete is poured.

**Framing Inspection**

Framing inspection must be completed prior to insulating and sheet rocking.

**Septic Inspection**

Septic systems must be installed in accordance with South Dakota Department of Natural Resources article 74:53 and in accordance with Meade County Ordinance 33.

**Final Inspection**

Final inspection must be completed before any occupancy is allowed. Certificate of occupancy will be issued upon completion and approval of final inspection.

## Installing a Septic System?

A Septic Permit is required before any system is installed in Meade County.

A Percolation Test is required to be turned in and approved along with a site plan of the proposed system, before the septic permit will be issued. The cost of the septic permit is \$125.00.

## Installing a New Approach?

An Approach Permit is required before any new approach is installed in Meade County. An approach permit is also required for a change in use of an existing approach. An approach permit application must be turned in and approved before the approach permit will be issued. The cost of the approach permit is \$85.00.

*No permit applications will be excepted without required documentation.*

*All inspections require 48 hour notice.*

*All ordinances and related documents can be found on the Meade County website:  
[www.meadecounty.org](http://www.meadecounty.org)*