



**2026 Florida Building Code
Development**


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Course Information

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**Review of Proposed Code
Modifications**

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R311.3 Floors and Landings at Exterior Doors

- Paver or concrete landings are not required at exterior doors



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R311.7.5.3 Stair and Landing Nosing

- New provision requires nosing on landings to be consistent with remainder of stairs.



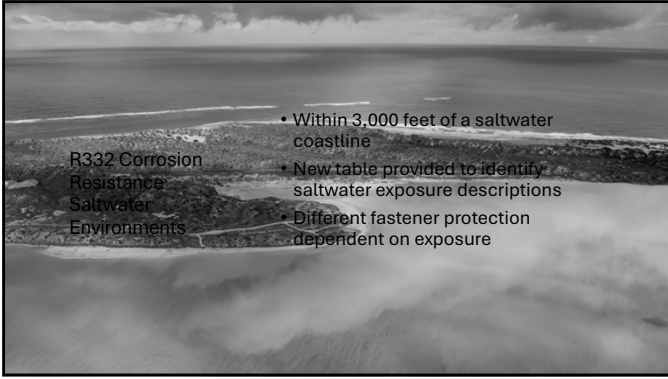
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R331 New Section on Sleeping Lofts

- Sleeping lofts are no longer classified as mezzanines.
- Be considered part of the floor below-not counted as another story.
- Less than 70 square feet



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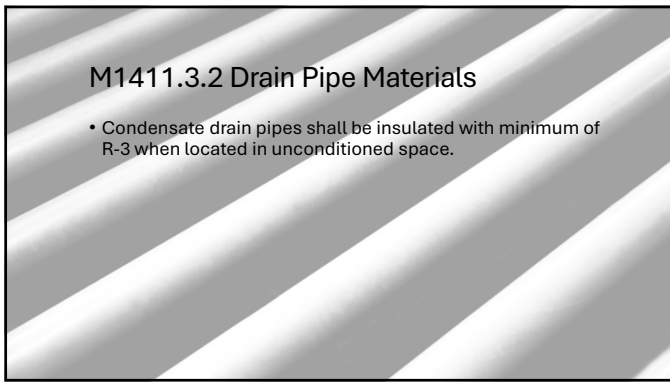
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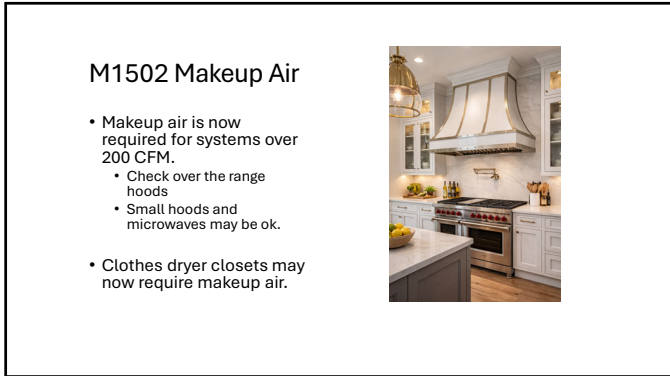
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R403.3.3 – Duct testing (Mandatory)

- Rough-in or post-construction testing clarified.
- Explicit testing pressure: 25 Pa (0.1 in. w.g.)
- Written report must be signed and provided to the code official.
- Exception: Duct testing not required if ducts and air handlers are entirely inside the thermal envelope.



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R403.6.5 – Intermittent exhaust control



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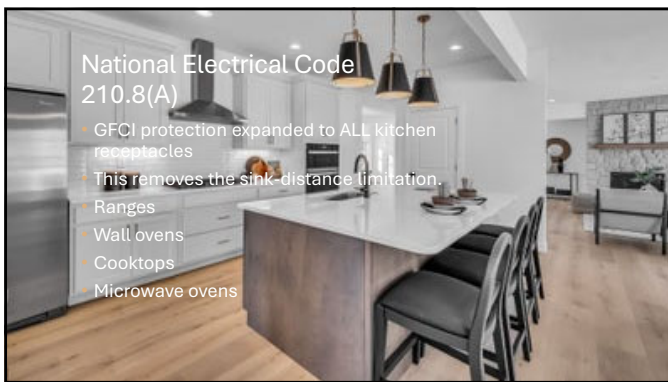
R403.6.3 Mechanical Ventilation testing

- Mechanical ventilation systems in homes must be **tested and verified** to deliver the minimum airflow required by the code.
- **ANSI / RESNET / ICC 380**
- A **signed test report** must be provided to the building official.
- Testing is NOT required when:
 - **Simple kitchen range hood**
 - ≥ 6" duct
 - ≤ 10 ft long
 - ≤ 2 elbows
 - **Smart ventilation equipment**
 - Built-in airflow diagnostics
 - User interface showing airflow

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National Electrical Code
210.52(C)(2) & (3)

- Kitchen Islands and Peninsulas
 - Receptacles no longer required
 - BUT must provide provisions for future receptacle
 - Receptacles must be installed in/on/above countertops only
 - No more outlets under countertop overhang.

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FBC, Residential E3408

- **E3408.1** NFPA 70-23: *National Electric Code, Article 210 (Branch Circuits), Section 210.8, Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel, is amended to read as follows:*
- 210.8(F) Outdoor Outlets. For dwellings, all outdoor outlets, other than those covered in 210.8(A), Exception No. 1, including outlets installed in the following locations, and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground, 50 amperes or less, shall be provided with GFCI protection:
 - (1) Garages that have floors located at or below grade level
 - (2) Accessory buildings
 - (3) Boathouses
 - Exception No. 1: GFCI protection shall not be required on lighting outlets other than those covered in 210.8(C).
 - Exception No. 2: GFCI protection shall not be required for listed HVAC equipment. ~~This exception shall expire September 1, 2026.~~

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National Electrical Code 230.67

- Whole-home surge protection introduced in 2020, but 2023 adds:
- SPD must have minimum 10 kA rating

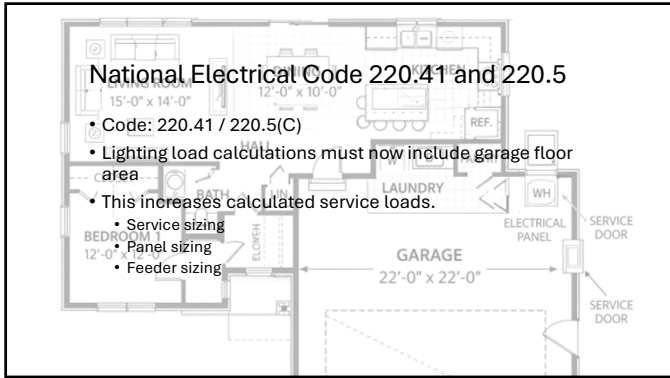
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National Electrical Code 225.41

- Homes must now have an outside emergency disconnect.
- First responders can shut off power quickly.

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