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# **Building Permit Checklist for Geothermal Installations**

### **Essential Items to Include**

### 1. Contractor Information □

- Provide complete details for all contractors, including:
  - o Their **contact information** (name, phone number, and email).
  - Certification details for all sub-trade permits (e.g., electrical, plumbing, gas).
- If you are doing the work yourself as a homeowner, check the appropriate box on your online portal application to indicate this.

# 2. Property Owner Information

- Ensure that the owner information matches the official land title records.
- If the property has been **recently purchased**, include the **purchase agreement** showing the transfer of ownership.

# 3. Digital Document Requirements □

- All submitted documents must meet these standards:
  - Flattened PDFs: Ensure all PDFs are flattened to allow for digital markup and review.
  - Unrestricted PDFs: Documents must not have security restrictions that prevent editing or commenting.

### Plans and Documentation

# 4. Site Plan □

- Include these details in your site plan:
  - Use metric dimensions (preferred scale: 1:200).
  - Add a north arrow, municipal address, and legal address.
  - Include a title block with the designer's name and contact information.
  - Show easements and utility rights-of-way.
  - Indicate setback dimensions (front, side, and rear).
  - Provide existing and proposed grade elevations at:

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- Property corners.
- Building corners.
- Within 15 meters of the building.
- For slopes greater than 15%, show setbacks of at least 20m from the top of the bank.
- Specify the total site area and lot coverage (refer to your land use bylaw for limits).

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•	Include the	developer's	grade slip.	if applicable $\square$

# 5. Building Plans □

- **Geothermal Design Requirements -** If you're designing a geothermal system, include the following details:
  - Contact Information:
    - The designer and installer's contact info and their Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) Accreditation Number (or the accredited company).
    - The drilling company's contact info and CGC Accreditation Number.
  - System Type:
    - State whether the system is horizontal or vertical.
    - Specify if it's an open or closed system (open systems need Alberta Environment Approval).
  - System Details:
    - Provide details on pipe materials, sizes, and sealants (must work with the heat transfer fluid).
    - List the type and concentration of heat transfer fluid (e.g., antifreeze).
    - Include the type of grout used, if applicable.
  - Heating and Cooling Loads:
    - Provide detailed calculations for heating and cooling needs (use software, CSA-F280, or HRAI DIGEST standards).
    - Include loads for additional systems like hot water, pools, snow melting, garages, or outbuildings.
  - System Components:
    - Mention backup heating systems, if needed, and their type.
    - Specify the heat pump model.
    - Include specs for related equipment like fan coils, heat exchangers, or ventilation systems (e.g., HRVs).
  - Site Assessment:

 Evaluate the wells, aquifers, water tables, and subsurface conditions.

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# Required Forms & Permits (Forms are available on the Rocky View County website: <a href="https://www.rockyview.ca/building-forms-documents">https://www.rockyview.ca/building-forms-documents</a>). 6. Engineering Stamped Designs • Provide engineer-stamped documents for: • Geothermal system designs. Additional Requirements (if applicable) Solar, Geothermal, or Hydronic Heating Systems: • Refer to specific checklists and guidelines for these systems (<a href="https://www.rockyview.ca/building-forms-documents">https://www.rockyview.ca/building-forms-documents</a>).

# **Key Notes** □

- Always check your local land use bylaws, area structure plans, or direct control bylaws for additional requirements. <a href="https://www.rockyview.ca/land-use-bylaw">https://www.rockyview.ca/land-use-bylaw</a>
- Visit www.rockyview.ca/building for forms, guidelines, and resources.

Following this checklist ensures a complete, efficient application process and prevents delays for your project and others.

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