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# Black & Decker Codes For Homeowners: Electrical Mechanical Plumbing Building Updated Through 2014 (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



## Synopsis

A graphic, highly user-friendly guide to national codes for residential construction. Codes for Homeowners uses clear photographs to show exactly how the parts of your house are supposed to look once the work is done. Written by International Residential Codes-certified home inspector Bruce Barker, this second edition of Codes for Homeowners is current with most national codes in force for the period of 2012 through 2014. Based on his decades of experience, Inspector Bruce has winnowed down the massive heap of codes in force to only those that a single-family homeowner is likely to encounter. Building codes, electrical codes, plumbing codes and mechanical (HVAC) codes are shown and described in everyday language. The 2nd edition includes all of the great information in the first version but is updated to reflect any changes in the codes in force, including the National Electrical Code, the Universal Plumbing Code and the International Residential Code.

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## Customer Reviews

The Black & Decker Codes for Homeowners (Black & Decker Complete Guide) is a great book. We live in an older house and it needed repairs and upgrading. I've done a lot of building/remodeling/repairs over the years but wanted to make certain that I was code legal. I saw it at my local library and thought it was great. then I bought my own copy. There may be projects

where you need more detail but at least this book takes care of the basics very well. I recommend it!

If you already know the "how" of most home construction practices, this is a great reference for "why" and making sure you do things in a way that is code compliant. If you aren't already pretty familiar with these topics, this book won't be of much use to you. It's definitely the advanced amateur or even professional reference, not a learning guide.

The examples and illustrations are great. I consider myself a knowledgeable layman, and I found this book very helpful. I plan to keep this in my library for period reference as I do remodel projects around the house.

A great reference book if you are out of date on codes or are just a weekend warrior in the construction field. This also serves as a great reference for those looking to hire on contractors, but would like to understand some of the process.

I like this book overall. It has really nice pictures and diagrams which make it easy to visualize certain concepts. It tries to cover Codes as best as it can while also suggesting you look into your own local building codes as well to ensure you are doing things correctly. It does a decent job of defining different terms which it covers in each chapter. That is especially nice for newbs who may wonder exactly what an item like a GFCI is and how it works. It doesn't go into great details; it gives just enough so you can grasp the idea of what a component is and used for in general. Don't get this book if you really want detailed information on Building Codes. This book is only for the true beginner in my opinion.

Very helpful for any homeowner and anyone thinking of self general contracting. It's best to make sure you're doing something right the first time and it's also good not to trust that someone else has your best interests in mind.

Explains things clearly with good pictures and diagrams. If you want something that covers the basics for most DIY stuff this book is really good. In any particular area (I know most about electrical stuff) you would want a book on that particular area. For example, the B&D Complete Guide to Wiring has more detail and content, but I am happy to have both. No book covers everything so be sure to consult your local city, state and national codes, and ask for help from the local building

department. The City of Kirkland, Washington, where I live, was outstandingly helpful, very nice folks and very responsive about permits and getting inspections scheduled.

This is one of the BEST investments you could ever make if you plan on doing ANY home projects. It takes a '\_\_\_\_\_ For Dummies' approach and includes full-color photos and easy explanations on EVERY page!

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