How to Use this Guide
Check with your jurisdiction regarding type of submittal (paper or electronic) and additional requirements. Draw to scale and complete the following (hint: use graph paper with ¼” squares. Example: ¼” = 1’):

1 **Complete this Building Guide** by filling in the blanks on page three, and indicating which construction details will be used.

2 **Provide Plot Plan** (site plan) showing dimensions of your project and its relationship to existing buildings or structures on the property and the distance to existing property lines, drawn to scale. See page 3.

3 **Fill out a building permit application.**

The majority of permit applications are processed with little delay. The submitted documents will help determine if the project is in compliance with building safety codes, zoning ordinances and other applicable laws.

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**Single Family Residential Ramps**

**Directions**
- Submit two complete paper sets (or one electronically) of required information.
- Draw a floor plan with dimensions drawn to scale, showing the layout of the ramps.
- Ramps work best for heights up to 30”. A lift is a space saving option for heights over 30”.
- Earth berms and re-grading can work for all grade heights.
- It is recommended that a maximum slope of 1:12 be used for the ramp. A slope 1:8 is usable for power chairs, scooters or if someone is pushed in a wheel chair.
- A landing is required at the top and bottom of each ramp section.
- Door width to enter the home is recommended to be 36” minimum.
- Ramp width 36” recommended.

**Ramps Configuration**

- IRC section 311.8.2 requires a 3’ minimum ramp landing. At a landing a person on wheel chair or scooter needs at least 60” to turn and adjust for the next rampo run, to move through a doorway at the top of landing or change direction at the bottom or to enter and leave the ramp.
  - Thus a 3’ minimum ramp is required, a 5’ minimum landing is recommended.

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