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Residential Deck Inspections

Building Inspection		Prior to Inspection Request		Inspection performed by DPS	Inspection approval required prior to
Type	Code	Work to be Completed	Approved Inspections		
Footing	001	1. Excavation for footings per approved deck plans. 2. Excavation must be clear of organic matter, loose stone, rocks etc. and all other debris.	Before you dig call Miss Utility 800257-7777 (2-day notice required)	Yes ⁽¹⁾	Placing concrete
Framing	004	Conducted after the completion of all framing and rough wiring, if required. When floor framing is less than 36 in. above the surface below, a framing inspection must be requested prior to installation of any decking materials. The ledger connection must be inspected ⁽²⁾	• 001	Yes	Installing decking materials
Final	251	Conducted after the deck (or portion thereof) is completed and ready for use. Before requesting the final inspection, all conditions of well and septic permits, if any, must be satisfied. The address numbers must be displayed in accordance with the requirements of the fire code. The ledger connection must be inspected ⁽²⁾ . A deck with an area larger than 20 square feet must be served by a receptacle per 2014 NEC 210.52(E)(3)	• 001, 004	Yes	Use

⁽¹⁾ [DPS Residential Special Inspectors](#) lists Maryland registered professional engineers & architects approved for this type of inspection

⁽²⁾ Where the positive connection to the supporting structure cannot be verified during inspection, decks shall be self-supporting.

FRAMING and **FINAL** deck inspections must be requested at the same time with electrical inspection under the relevant Electrical Permit, if any is required. If all inspections are not properly requested, the inspector will disapprove the scheduled inspection