

New Construction Planning Timeline

What to Expect When Building a New Home

BEFORE YOU START

Building a new home in Los Angeles is a layered process that involves feasibility review, design coordination, permitting, and construction. While timelines vary based on scope and site conditions, most projects follow a similar sequence. Understanding this timeline early helps homeowners set realistic expectations and make informed decisions throughout the process.

PHASE 1: FEASIBILITY & SITE REVIEW

Typical Duration: 1-3 Months

- Review zoning regulations and setbacks
- Evaluate site constraints such as slope & utilities
- Identify overlays or planning limitations
- Clarify goals and long-term use of home
- Establish initial budget comfort

Feasibility reduces redesign and prevents unrealistic expectations later.

PHASE 2: DESIGN & CONSULTATION

Typical Duration: 3-6 Months

- Architectural design development
- Structural engineering coordination
- Energy compliance and code integration
- Site planning and grading considerations
- Interior design direction (if applicable)

Design is iterative, and revisions are expected as feasibility, budget, and regulatory requirements evolve.

PHASE 3: PERMITTING & PLAN REVIEW

Typical Duration: 4-8+ Months

Permitting is a required and often time-intensive phase of new construction in Los Angeles.

- Submit plans to city departments
- Respond to plan check comments
- Revise drawings as required
- Coordinate approvals across agencies

Review cycles often include waiting periods between submissions.

If you're considering building a new home and want help understanding how this timeline applies to your property, a planning call can help clarify next steps.

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PHASE 4: PRE-CONSTRUCTION PREP

Typical Duration: 1-2 Months

- Finalize construction price and contracts
- Schedule trades and order materials
- Plan site logistics and access
- Coordinate utility connections
- Pre-construction walk-through

Preparation helps ensure a smoother build phase.

PHASE 5: CONSTRUCTION

Typical Duration: 8-14+ Months

- Site work and foundation
- Structural framing
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Required inspections
- Interior finishes and exterior completion

Complex homes or challenging sites may extend timelines.

PHASE 6: FINAL INSPECTIONS & OCCUPANCY

Typical Duration: 1-2 Months

- Final Inspections
- Corrections (if required)
- Utility sign-offs
- Certificate of Occupancy or final approval

Once complete, the home is ready for occupancy.

Overall, you can expect a typical timeline to be between 18-30+ Months.