

What to expect on framing day

A homeowner conversation guide. Use it with your builder or project lead, not as a self-inspection or construction manual.

01 / Before you visit

Arrange a suitable visit time. Ask where you may safely stand. Keep children and pets outside the worksite and stay clear of active equipment and material deliveries.

02 / What you will see

Framing may involve layout, walls, floors, roof members, sheathing and connections. The sequence depends on the project. An incomplete frame should not be judged as a finished system.

03 / Questions that help

Which plans are being used? Who handles a proposed change? What inspections are required? What still needs coordination, correction or drying before the next layer goes on?

04 / When the schedule changes

Weather, deliveries and unresolved design questions can affect the sequence. Ask your project lead what changed, what happens next and when an updated window can be discussed.

05 / Before the walls close

Ask about inspection status and remaining items before insulation and drywall. Photographs and a visual walkthrough do not replace required inspections or professional judgment.

General educational planning guidance, not engineering design, a permit approval, an inspection checklist issued by an authority, or a guarantee of readiness. Follow project documents, product instructions and local inspection requirements.

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