The Building Department’s Automated Inspection Scheduling System provides callers with 24-hour access to schedule inspections, cancel inspections or get the time window for a scheduled inspection.

To operate this system, you will need to have your permit number and the inspection code for the type of inspection you wish to schedule. The list of inspection codes available to schedule can be found on the building inspection record card that was provided to you when your permit was issued. If you do not have your inspection record card, contact the Building Department to have a duplicate job card mailed to you.

The Automated Inspection Line will guide you through each step of the process. However, in this pamphlet there are written instructions that will help to familiarize you with the system before you call. Once you become familiar with this system, you will find that it is not necessary to wait for the entire message (or directions) to be completed before entering a command.

During normal business hours, you can still call the Planning or Building Department for assistance with other matters, but all inspection requests should be made using the Automated Inspection Line.

How to Use the Automated Inspection Scheduling System

Call (650) 306-8415

Select Language Options, press:
1. To use the English version.
2. To use the Spanish version.

Select from the following options:
1. For Building Permit (BDL).

1. Request an Inspection:
Inspections can be scheduled up to fourteen days in advance (Monday-Friday) excluding holidays. The deadline to schedule an inspection for the next business day (if still available in your area) is by 4:00 p.m. the business day prior.

a. Please enter the three-digit inspection code followed by the # key.
For example: 141# - Grade Beams
901# - Building Final Inspection

b. This system will give you the first three available dates. Press 1, 2, or 3 to select one, or the fourth option is to press the # key to schedule a specific date. Please enter the 8-digit date on which you wish to have an inspection, then press the # key.
For example: 06062019# is June 6, 2019.

Note that once you have chosen a date, the system will prompt you to press the # key again to confirm your selection, after which you will get a message saying that your inspection has been scheduled, and to call the Automated Line again on the day of your inspection to get your 2-hour inspection time window.

c. If you would like to schedule more than one inspection for the same permit, complete the process of choosing the date for the first inspection, and then press * to schedule another inspection.

d. If you would like to schedule an inspection for another permit, once you have chosen and confirmed the date for the inspection of the current permit you are working with, press # to go back to the main menu, then press 7 to select a new permit number to work with.

2. Cancel an Inspection:
Enter the date for which the inspection was requested, followed by the # key.
For example: 06062019# is June 6, 2019.

Your inspection request for June 6, 2019 has been canceled. Please be advised that this will cancel all inspections for that project on that date. The deadline to cancel inspections on the Automated Line is 4:00 p.m. the business day prior to your scheduled inspection date.

3. Determine the Status of your Permit:
a. If you are told there are no holds on your permit, your permit is ready to be issued
and may be picked up at the Building Department counter. All fees must be paid before a permit may be issued.

b. If you are told there are holds on this permit, these holds must be resolved before this permit can be issued. Please call the specific sections who are holding your permit.

4. Get the Result of an Inspection

Press:
1. To get the inspection results of the last 10 inspection activities.
2. To list the last 10 inspection results for a particular inspection type.
3. To get the inspection result for a particular date.
4. To get the inspection result for a particular type and date.

5. To Get the Time Window for a Scheduled Inspection

This option will only give the 2-hour time window for an inspection scheduled for the present (i.e. today’s) date. Call the Automated Line after 8:00 a.m. on the day of your inspection to get your time.

7. To Select a New Permit

Use this option to enter a new permit number to work with. You can schedule, cancel, and find the inspection times for multiple permits on the same call.