



# Home Tips



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## Deck Codes?

*We are building a new deck and wanted to do it right. Where can we go to get a copy of the building codes for decks?*

It's no secret that building codes can be difficult even for building officials to understand. But here's some help at the right price. The American Forest & Paper Association's new "Prescriptive Residential Deck Construction Guide: Based on the 2006 International Residential Code" contains more than two-dozen line drawings that illustrate common connection details and assemblies described in the IRC.

This 20 page publication covers the basic code

requirements that apply to construction of a single-level residential deck, from the footings up to the guardrails, over to the ledger attachment, down the stairs, and through all the framing and fasteners in between. The accompanying illustrations are clearly labeled with dimensions and references to beam and joist span tables. The fasteners-spacing table that was just approved for the 2007 Supplement to the IRC is also included.

Other organizations involved with this publication are APA-The Engineered Wood Association, Fairfax County, Virginia, ICC, NAHB, Simpson Strong-Tie, Southern Forest Products Association, Southern Pine Inspection Bureau, Virginia Tech, Washington State University, and WTCA-Representing the Structural Building Components Industry.

The guide can be downloaded for free at the American Wood Council Website, [www.awc.org](http://www.awc.org).

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Figure 1A: Joist Span – Deck Attached at House and Bearing Over Beam

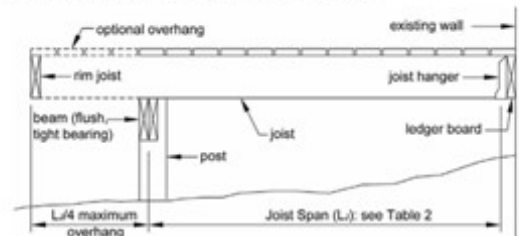


Figure 1B: Joist Span – Joists Attached at House and to Side of Beam

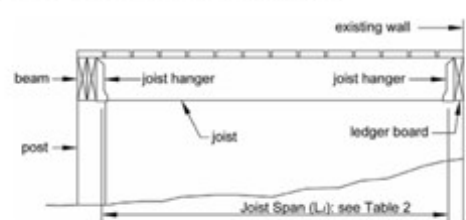
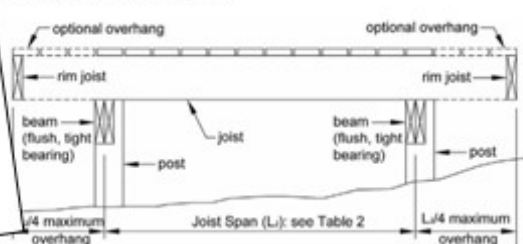


Figure 2: Joist Span – Free Standing Deck



## Don't Wait Until It's Too Late to Back Up Your Computer Files

Most of us have the best intentions when it comes to backing up our files. But good intentions won't mean much when you've lost all of your work files, not to mention your personal photo and music files. You might have the option of paying a high fee to have your data retrieved from a dead computer. But you might not.

In the case of a fire or flood, even an external hard drive backup may not suffice. If you use CDs and DVDs to back up files, be aware that these media deteriorate over time.

Make 2008 the year you decide to easily back up your files with an online service such as [www.mozy.com](http://www.mozy.com).

Mozy.com is free for up to 2 gigabytes of storage and \$4.95/month for unlimited personal storage. For business accounts, the service is priced at \$3.95/month, plus \$.50/gigabyte. The business pricing includes data encryption during transport, automatic or scheduled backup and technical support. Mozy.com is both Mac and Windows compatible.

There are many other online data backup services out there. Do yourself and your business a favor and choose one, then use it.

Here are just a few:

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[www.dtatdepositbox.com](http://www.dtatdepositbox.com)  
[www.evault.com](http://www.evault.com)  
[www.ibackup.com](http://www.ibackup.com)  
[www.mozy.com](http://www.mozy.com)  
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