

Builder Services

Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) Checklist



SDG&E Gas & Electric Service Checklist

Clearances



Before beginning your ADU project, ensure your new structure will NOT conflict with any existing SDG&E gas and electric services, including distribution poles, wires, etc. Please inform your SDG&E planner of any potential conflicts ASAP to avoid delays.

- Review SDG&E clearance standards at [sdge.com/project-resources](https://www.sdge.com/project-resources)

Permits

Prior to initiating your request with SDG&E for gas and electric service, please work with your local city and county on permitting requirements.

Address Details

What type of ADU are you building? *See page 2 for descriptions*

- Attached New Construction
- Detached New Construction
- Garage ADU
- Interior ADU
- Junior ADU

What is the main home (primary) service address?

Will you have a separate ADU address?

If yes, please provide the address provided by your city/county

Appliances [Load]

Are you adding new load such as air conditioning (A/C) or electric vehicle charging (EV)?

- Electric Vehicle
Size _____ Number of ports _____
- Air Conditioning
Size _____ tons

Documentation Requirements

Upload the following documents with your application

- SDG&E gas & electric checklist (this document)
- Site and elevation plans
- Itemized list of all electric and gas appliances being added with load estimates from a qualified electrician and/or plumbing contractor

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Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) Definitions



There are several different types of ADUs for you to consider during the planning stages. Which you choose will depend on your current home and land, your needs and vision for your ADU, and the laws and ordinances in your area. This checklist is designed to help you with the SDG&E portion of your project

These are some common ADU options and their uses:

Detached new construction or DADU (detached additional dwelling unit)

A detached ADU is a freestanding independent living space, often built in the backyard of a home.

Attached new construction

An attached ADU shares one wall with the primary home but has a separate entrance and independent living space. Utilities may be separate or connected to the main residence.

Garage ADU

An ADU garage conversion can be attached or detached and turns an existing garage into independent housing. This could be a renovation of a current garage or new above-garage construction.

Interior ADUs

Interior conversions can be in a basement or attic and usually function the same way as an attached ADU. Attic conversions can be complex and expensive, so they are less popular than basement conversions.

JADU or junior accessory dwelling unit

The definitions for this type of ADU vary by city and county. These tend to be smaller than a standard ADU and require an efficiency kitchen rather than a full kitchen.

Regardless of the type of unit you have selected, whether you're working with a builder, contractor, or a DIY project you will need to apply for approval of new gas and electric services with SDG&E Builder Services.

How to apply:

- Login/Register for the Builder Services Portal (BSP) – this will grant you seamless access to the BSP features.
- Submit the application while logged in – allowing access to upload project documents & track the application status
- Be prepared with necessary documents and upload them at the end of your application.
- Track job statuses in the portal and be prepared for further steps using our step-by-step guides.



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