



Municipality of  
**Dutton Dunwich**

## **LARGE FARM BUILDINGS**

### **2024 Ontario Building Code Changes**

These are highlights only. A digital copy of the 2024 Building Code Compendium is available on the provincial website. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2024-ontario-building-code>

#### **NEW BUILDING CLASSIFICATION**

All farm buildings that are more than 600m<sup>2</sup> in building area or more than 3 storeys in building heights used for major occupancies classified as Group G, Division 1, 2 or 3 *agricultural occupancies with no human occupants*, and

Farm buildings or part of buildings containing an *agricultural occupancy* that has an occupant load of not more than one person per 40m<sup>2</sup> shall be classified according to their *major occupancy* as belonging to Group G, Division 1, 2, 3 or 4.

Small Farm Buildings that are not more than 3 storeys in building heights and not more than 600m<sup>2</sup> in building area used for major occupancies classified as Group G Division 1, 2 or 3 agricultural occupancies, shall conform to the National Building Code of Canada.

GROUP	DIVISION	DESCRIPTION OF AGRICULTURAL OCCUPANCIES
G	1	High-hazard agricultural occupancies
G	2	Agricultural occupancies not elsewhere classified in Group G
G	3	Greenhouse agricultural occupancies
G	4	Agricultural occupancies with no human occupants

#### **ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

##### **FIRE PROTECTION**

Fire alarm provisions, firefighting provisions (similar to Part 3 content)

##### **SAFETY WITHIN FARM BUILDINGS**

Travel distance, exits, emergency lighting

## **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT**

Exhaust ventilation and explosion venting, liquid manure storage, storage of pesticides, cannabis operations

## **STRUCTURAL LOADING**

Loads due to use and occupancy, snow and earthquake loading (similar to Part 4 content)

## **HVAC**

Ventilation for greenhouses, silos, and grain storage bins, below-floor liquid manure (similar to Part 6 content)