

The entities that regulate development in Edgefield County have come together to develop a Rapid Response Plan for Developers. This plan should provide developers with responses to inquiries and applications within two days. This will assist in providing quality communications as projects move forward, thereby reducing time and costs.

The Edgefield County entities that have signed up to work on this effort include Edgefield County Administration, Edgefield County Building and Planning Department, and Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority, and the Towns of Edgefield, Johnston, and Trenton.

The participants in the Plan have agreed to the following:

**County of Edgefield Responsibilities:**

1. Strives to provide adequate information to any applicant for a proposed development of the county processes for opening, relocating or expanding a physical business within Edgefield County, as well as residential development, both before and during an application process.
2. Assist an applicant with the application process and provide guidance on getting an applicant ready to go through the process of starting or expanding a business or creating or expanding a residential development.
3. Provide a two-day response to the applicants on any form or permit filed with the County or its departments. The Rapid Response may not provide the final approval or all specific information, but will provide at least acknowledgment and requests for additional information, if necessary.
4. Endeavor to maintain timely communications between the Service Provider, the County and the applicant.

**Service Provider's Responsibilities:**

1. Service Provider agrees to respond to requests and inquiries of the job and home creators within two business days, understanding that depending on the size and complexity of the project, that response might be that Service Provider needs additional information, additional meetings to discuss plans, or discussions with other Service Providers.
2. Service Provider understands that the goal is to give answers quickly or tell an applicant the next steps so they can continue to move their projects forward as expeditiously as possible.
3. Keep Edgefield County informed regularly about applicant progress in permitting with the Service Provider and status reports on development projects in the County.