



## **TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD BOROUGH OF GARWOOD**

### **OBTAINING FINAL INSPECTIONS**



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Are you selling your home? Thinking of moving soon? We would like to remind residents to check if there are any open permits on their property. Having open permits may hold up your closing, and there may also be life safety issues that need to be addressed. An open permit is a permit that has not passed all final inspections.

Closing out open permits is essential because there may be hazardous living conditions in your home. For example, improperly installed furnaces, hot water heaters or gas fireplaces can cause carbon monoxide poisoning or a fire; improperly installed wiring could cause a fire; and missing or improperly installed handrails could allow someone to fall. The NJ Division of Consumer Affairs Rule N.J.A.C 13:45A-16.2(a)10ii states that final payment to the contractor is not required to be made before the final inspection is performed.

Also, please make sure that your house number, as assigned by the tax assessor, is clearly visible from the street. This will make it easier for the inspectors to locate your home, and avoid a missed inspection. It is also important so that the police department, fire department or first aid squad may easily locate your home in the event of an emergency.

To find out if there are open permits, you may call the building department at 908-709-7213, or for Cranford properties, you may access the portal at [www.sdlportal.com](http://www.sdlportal.com), to view all building department records. The building department staff will help you schedule any final inspections on a day most convenient for you. The building department is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and is located on the main floor of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford.