

SAN DIEGO ADU BUILDER

ADU Handbook

A branded planning guide for San Diego homeowners to reduce permit risk, clarify budget decisions, and move from concept to construction with confidence.

[Planning Checklist](#)[Permit Roadmap](#)[Budget Framework](#)[Build Timeline](#)

What Is Inside

1. Feasibility And Site Fit

Validate lot constraints, utilities, and ADU strategy before investing in full design.

2. Permit Sequence

Understand order of operations so your project avoids common review and resubmittal delays.

3. Budget Guardrails

Set realistic planning ranges for hard costs, soft costs, utilities, and contingency.

4. Design Decision Checklist

Make early decisions that protect schedule and prevent costly redesign loops.

5. Build Prep Timeline

Know the milestones from pre-design through permit completion and contractor handoff.

6. Owner Readiness Scorecard

Quickly assess if you are ready to proceed now or should complete key prep first.

Top 3 ADU Approval Delays Homeowners Hit First

- Incomplete plan sets that trigger avoidable correction cycles.
- Late utility coordination that stalls permit readiness.
- Budget assumptions that force redesign during review.

How To Use This Handbook

- Run your site and feasibility check before design kickoff.
- Use the permit roadmap to sequence design and submissions.
- Apply budget guardrails before finalizing scope.
- Keep the readiness scorecard visible during planning.

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