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## OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES:

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- **ICF Code Compliance**

The **International Residential Code** has adopted the **Prescriptive Code** regarding ICFs and addresses them in detail in the sections listed below. Please direct your local code official to the following sections in the IRC 2003 Code:

**Sections 404.4 through 404.4.11:** ICF Foundation Walls

**Sections 611 through 611.9.1:** ICF Wall Construction

*If you need further assistance getting approvals from your local building code officials, please contact Terry Hale at 800-216-1820 ext 4897.*

For copyright purposes, we cannot provide the IRC pages here. However, because they are the same as the Prescriptive Code, please download the Prescriptive Code by clicking on the link below.

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- **Prescriptive Method for Insulating Concrete Forms in Residential Construction, Second Edition** (*January 2002, 214 p.*)

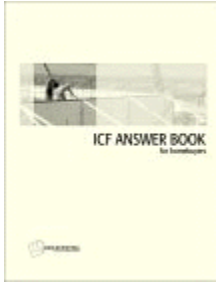
For the code-approved installation method of ICFs and engineering tables, download this document for free from the HUD website at:

[http://www.huduser.org/publications/destech/icf\\_2ed.html](http://www.huduser.org/publications/destech/icf_2ed.html)

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- **ICFweb.com Learning Center** - <http://www.icfweb.com/learningcenter/default.asp>

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## ● ICF Answer Book for Homebuyers ICF Answer Book for Builders / DIYs

These two books are the most complete and up-to-date publications available for those interested in ICFs.

Get more details and buy them direct from ICFweb.com at:  
[www.icfweb.com/answerbook.asp](http://www.icfweb.com/answerbook.asp)

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## ● Below-grade Use of ICFs in Termite Infested States

According to the ICFA, the International Residential Code has provisions in the IRC to allow for foam to be used below-grade. The IRC stipulates in addition to chemical soil treatment, foam can be used below-grade on the exterior of the wall if one of the following requirements is met:

1. All interior partition walls and roof trusses are built of a non-combustible material such as steel studs or pressure treated lumber.
2. An approved method for protecting the foam plastic and structure is used.

**Polyguard Underseal™ XT Waterproofing Membranes** has an evaluation report that shows they are an approved method for protecting foam from termites below-grade. Click here to visit the [Polyguard website](#) for details.

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