# Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) Checklist

## SDG&E® Gas & Electric Service Checklist

### Clearances

Before finalizing your ADU location, walk the area where you plan to build and identify any nearby SDG&E utility equipment, such as power poles, overhead wires, electric meters, gas meters, or underground lines. Locating your ADU too close to these facilities may require design changes or the relocation of utility equipment.

**Pro Tip:** Underground utility lines may not be visible, call 811 or visit DigAlert.org to request free utility marking services.

- ☐ Review SDG&E clearance standards at ***sdge.com/project-resources***.

### Permits

Prior to initiating your request with SDG&E for gas and electric service, please work with your local city and county on permitting requirements.

### Address Details

What type of ADU are you building? *See page 2 for descriptions*

- ☐ Attached New Construction
- ☐ Detached New Construction
- ☐ Garage ADU
- ☐ Interior ADU
- ☐ Junior ADU

What is the main home (primary) service address?

Will you have a separate ADU address?
*If yes, please provide the address provided by our city/county*

Are you building more than one ADU?
*If so, how many*

### Appliances [Load]

Are you adding new load such as electric vehicle (EV) charging or air conditioning (A/C)?

- ☐ Electric Vehicle

  Number of chargers  Load per charger  kW
- ☐ Air Conditioning

  Size  tons

### Documentation Requirements

Upload the following documents with your application:

- ☐ SDG&E gas & electric checklist (this document)
- ☐ Site and elevation plans
- ☐ Itemized list of all electric and gas appliances being added with load estimates from a qualified electrician and/or plumbing contractor

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There are several different types of ADUs for you to consider during the planning stages. Which you choose will depend on your current home and land, your needs and vision for your ADU, and the laws and ordinances in your area. This checklist is designed to help you with the SDG&E portion of your project.

## These are some common ADU options and their uses:

### Detached new construction or DADU (detached additional dwelling unit)

A detached ADU is a freestanding independent living space, often built in the backyard of a home.

### Attached new construction

An attached ADU shares one wall with the primary home but has a separate entrance and independent living space.

### Garage ADU

An ADU garage conversion can be attached or detached and turns an existing garage into independent housing. This could be a renovation of a current garage or new above-garage construction.

### Interior ADUs

Interior conversions can be in a basement or attic and usually function the same way as an attached ADU. Attic conversions can be complex and expensive, so they are less popular than basement conversions.

### JADU or junior accessory dwelling unit

The definitions for this type of ADU vary by city and county. These tend to be smaller than a standard ADU and require an efficiency kitchen rather than a full kitchen.



Regardless of the type of unit you have selected, whether you're working with a builder or contractor you will need to apply for approval of new gas and electric services with SDG&E Builder Services.

### How to apply:

- Login/Register for My Project Center (MPC).
- Submit the application while logged in – allowing access to upload project documents & track the application status
- Be prepared with necessary documents and upload them at the end of your application.
- Track job statuses in My Project Center and be prepared for further steps using our step-by-step guides.

For more information, please visit My Project Center at ***sdge.com/MyProjectCenter***. If you have any questions, call us at **1-877-789-9866**.



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