Nailing Schedule Chart

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Framing Nailing Schedule (IRC 2021)

Connection	Nailing	Nail Size	Quantity	
Joist to sill or girder, toe nail	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	3 nails	
Joist to sill or girder, end nail	End nail	16d (3-1/2")	2 nails	
Bridging to joist	Toe nail each end	10d (3")	2 nails	
Ledger strip to beam	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	3 per 16" o.c.	
Subfloor to joist or girder	Face nail	8d (2-1/2")	6" edges, 10" field	
Sole plate to joist or blocking	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	16" o.c.	
Top or bottom plate to stud	End nail	16d (3-1/2")	2 nails per stud	
Stud to sole plate	Toe nail	8d (2-1/2") or 16d (3-1/2")	4 nails (8d) or 2 nails (16d)	
Double studs	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	Stagger 24" o.c.	
Doubled top plates	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	16" o.c.	
Top plates, laps and intersections	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	2 nails	
Continuous header, two pieces	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	16" o.c. along edges	
Ceiling joists to top plate	Toe nail	8d (2-1/2")	3 nails	
Ceiling joists laps over partitions	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	4 nails	
Ceiling joists to parallel rafters	Face nail	16d (3-1/2")	3 nails	
Rafter to top plate	Toe nail	8d (2-1/2") or 16d (3-1/2")	3 nails (8d) or 2 nails (16d)	
Rafter to ridge, valley or hip	Toe nail or face nail	16d (3-1/2") or 10d (3")	4 toe or 3 face	
Collar tie to rafter	Face nail	10d (3")	3 nails each side	

Sheathing & Panel Nailing Schedule

Application	Nail Type	Size	Panel Edges	Field (Interior)
Roof sheathing (OSB/plywood)	Common or ring shank	8d (2-1/2")	6" o.c.	12" o.c.
Wall sheathing (OSB/plywood)	Common or ring shank	8d (2-1/2")	6" o.c.	12" o.c.
Subfloor (OSB/plywood)	Ring shank or coated	10d (3")	6" o.c.	10" o.c.
Underlayment (1/4")	Ring shank	3d to 4d	6" o.c.	8" o.c. all directions
Foam sheathing (up to 1")	Roofing or cap	1-1/2" to 2"	8" to 12" o.c.	16" o.c.

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Important Notes

- Nail penetration: Nails should penetrate at least 1-1/2" into wood framing members
- Spacing: "o.c." means "on center" measured from center of one nail to center of next
- Edges vs. field: Panel edges require closer spacing than field (interior) of panel
- Toe nailing: Drive nail at 30° angle starting 1" from member end
- Face nailing: Drive nail perpendicular through face of one member into another
- End nailing: Drive nail through end grain into adjoining member
- Code compliance: Always follow local building codes which may have stricter requirements
- High wind/seismic: May require additional nailing or structural screws per engineering

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