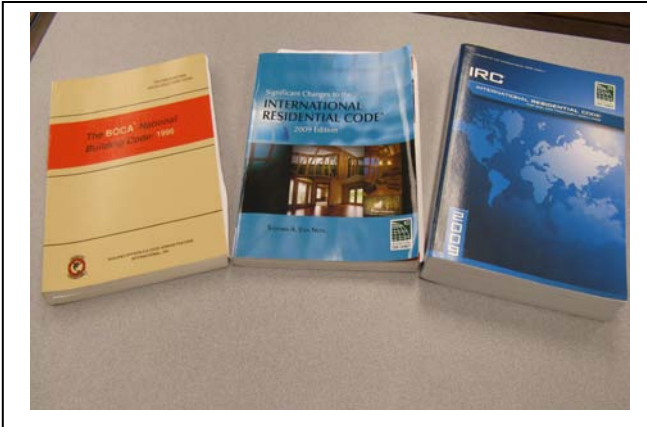


## ■ Evolution & Expansion of the Code

Today's building code is greatly expanded from the building code that existed when the Uniform Construction Code was first passed in Pennsylvania in 1999. This expansion of the building code has brought on added costs to purchase updated code books and provide retraining every three years. These costs are borne by municipalities, homebuilders and new home buyers.



**Picture 1 (L-R):** Compare the 1999 BOCA code book (370 pages) with the book providing only the changes to the 2009 International Residential Code (335 pages) and the considerably expanded 2009 International Residential Code book (now a full 870 pages).

**Picture 2:** This image shows the dramatic expansion of the building codes during the past decade. On the left you see the 1999 BOCA and CABO code books, which represented the entire building code for that time. On the right, compare the greatly increased number of code books and expanded number of pages found in the current 2009 set of I-codes



**Picture 3:** These various books contain the complete contents of the 2009 I-codes. Ten of these code books were adopted by the state Department of Labor and Industry for use in Pennsylvania. Each municipality in the state must have three full sets of those 10 code books at a total cost of \$1,593.