

At Brighton, we know that no two households are alike—and the way you live should be reflected in the way your home is designed. That's why we offer Multi Gen™ homes: floor plans built to bring people together while giving everyone their own private space.

But if you've been researching housing options, you might be wondering: how does a Brighton Multi Gen™ home compare to an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit)? While both provide independent living areas, the differences in design, purpose, and functionality are worth exploring—especially if you're looking for a home that works for your lifestyle today and tomorrow.

## What is a Multi Gen™ Home?

Brighton's Multi Gen™ homes are built from the ground up with **“home within a home”** living in mind. Each one includes:

- A private suite that's fully integrated into the main home's floor plan.
- A separate entrance for privacy.
- A kitchen or kitchenette so residents can cook independently.
- A living area, spacious bedroom with ensuite bath, and laundry space.
- In some designs, even a private one-car garage.

The key difference is that this suite is part of the original home's design, seamlessly blending style, comfort, and accessibility. It's ideal for aging parents, adult children, long-term guests, or even a personal workspace—all under one roof.

## What is an ADU?

An ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) is a secondary housing unit that's added to an existing property, often referred to as an in-law suite. They come in different forms:

- Detached: A separate building in the backyard.
- Attached: Connected to the main house but with its own entrance.
- Garage conversions or basement apartments.

ADUs are often smaller than a Multi Gen™ suite and may require additional city approvals, separate utility hookups, and a design that's retrofitted to your existing home.

## The Key Differences

FEATURE	BRIGHTON MULTI GEN™	ADU
Built-In Design	Integrated into the home's original floor plan from day one	Added to an existing property later
Size & Comfort	Spacious private suite with full amenities	Typically smaller footprint
Permitting	Included in the home's initial permits	Requires separate permits and zoning approval
Utilities	Shared with main home	Often requires separate utility connections
Aesthetic Integration	Matches the style and quality of the main home	May differ from main home's architecture

## Which is Right for You?

If you want a home that's move-in ready with seamless design, modern comfort, and flexible living space from day one, a Brighton Multi Gen™ home is the perfect choice.

If you already own a home and need to add a separate, smaller dwelling for guests or rental income, an ADU might be the right path—though it comes with its own construction and permitting process.

## The Brighton Advantage

When you choose a Brighton Multi Gen™ home, you're choosing:

- A floor plan crafted for connection and independence.
- A private suite that feels like a home of its own.
- The same quality craftsmanship found in every Brighton home.



## Brighton's Multi Gen™ Homes vs. ADUs: What's the Difference?

Your home should adapt to you—not the other way around. With Brighton's Multi Gen™ designs, you can welcome loved ones, enjoy privacy, and invest in a home that grows with your life.

Ready to see the difference for yourself?

Explore our [White Cap Multi Gen™](#) and [Palmetto Multi Gen™](#) floor plans and discover how Brighton makes multi-generational living effortless.