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You need a building permit if you plan to:

- Construct, install or move a building
- renovate, repair or add to a building
- demolish or remove all or a portion of a building
- change a building's use
- install, change or remove partitions and load-bearing walls
- make new openings for, or change the size of, doors and windows
- build or install a garage, shed, balcony or deck
- excavate for a basement or construct a foundation
- install or modify heating, plumbing, air conditioning systems or fireplaces and woodstoves
- reconstruct a chimney.

You do not need a building permit to:

- replace existing, same-size doors and windows, subject to distance from property lines
- install siding on small residential buildings, subject to distance from property lines
- build a roofless deck in which the highest floor level is less than 12" (0.3m) above adjacent ground and deck is not attached to a building
- build a utility shed under 108 ft² (10 m²)
- re-shingle a roof, provided there is no structural work
- install eaves troughs, provided that drainage is contained on your property
- replace or increase insulation, dry-wall or plaster
- damp-proof basements
- paint or decorate
- install kitchen or bathroom cupboards without plumbing
- erect a fence (except for swimming pools outside pools require permits)
- electrical work (the Electrical Safety Authority, however, must inspect electrical installations)

What happens if you do not get a permit?

If you start construction but do not have the necessary permits, you may be given an extra fee, ordered to stop work, prosecuted, and even ordered to remove work already done.

Contact your local municipal office or inspector if you are not sure whether you need a permit for your project.