



Permits

Tip Sheet
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No building, electrical, mechanical, or plumbing system shall be installed, erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, replaced, moved, improved, removed, converted, or demolished unless a permit has been obtained. (2009 International Codes/2009 Uniform Plumbing Code)

PERMITS REQUIRED

(Common Examples)

- Carports
- Any structure attached to a single-family home
- Decks - including repairs
- Exterior doors, windows and skylights that require a new opening
- Fences
- Furnaces (replacement or conversion)
- Garage conversions
- Gas piping
- Interior remodels
- Irrigation systems
- Re-roof
- Rockeries or retaining walls over 4 feet in height
- Spas and saunas
- Tree removal
- Water heaters

PERMITS NOT REQUIRED

(Common Examples)

- One story detached accessory buildings not over 200 sq. ft. used as storage sheds, playhouses or other similar uses.
- Retaining walls not over 4' from bottom of footing to top of wall not supporting a surcharge or impounding hazardous materials.
- Painting, finish, wallpapering, and similar work
- Playground equipment and tree houses
- Satellite dishes not over 3'-3" in diameter
- Maintenance of existing landscaping
- Bathroom and kitchen fixture replacements without plumbing line modifications, such as sinks and toilets
- Appliance replacements without modification to gas, plumbing lines or electrical circuits such as dishwashers, ranges, ovens, washers and dryers, same location.

This sheet is intended only as an informational guide addressing common permits of various types. The information may not be complete and does not imply that there may not be additional permits necessary. Please consult the building department for additional information at 425-745-1891.

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