

Is A Building Permit Required?

Building permits are required for:

- New building construction
- Garages and Carports
- Decks
- Mobile homes
- Renovation, alteration or addition to an existing building
- Relocation of an existing building
- Basement development in a dwelling unit
- Change of use of a building (example: office building to residence)
- Swimming pools and hot tubs
- Demolition of an existing building
- Temporary buildings
- Retaining walls

Building permits are not usually required for:

- Fences
- Driveways and parking lots
- Sidewalks
- Painting, decorating, laying carpet and general maintenance
- Replacement using the same materials and not affecting structural, electrical or mechanical systems (roofing, siding, windows)
- Accessory buildings (garden and tool sheds) not greater than 10 m² (107 ft²) in area (limit of one per property)
- Swimming pools and hot tubs less than 600 mm (2 feet) in depth

“Building” as defined in the legislation “means a structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy, and includes an addition built to an existing structure and where applicable the land adjoining the structure.”