

When a Building Permit Is Required

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- **New Structures:** Homes, garages, barns, sheds, and any new building placed on a property
- **Additions/Expansions:** Decks, porches, sun-rooms, attached garages, or anything increasing a building's size
- **Alterations/Remodeling:** Structural changes (walls, beams, foundations), exterior work (roofing, siding), plumbing, HVAC, heating, water, or electrical work
- **Change of Use:** Converting spaces (e.g., garage to living area), adding dwelling units, or changing residential to commercial use
- **Accessory Structures & Pools:** Sheds, detached garages, barns, storage buildings, above/in-ground pools, and related electrical/structural work
- **Mechanical & Utility Work:** Separate permits may be required for electrical, heating, gas, solar panels, or water system changes
- **Solar Panels:** All ground-mounted and roof-mounted systems
- **Signs:** Any new outdoor sign (which includes, new freestanding signs, new wall-mounted or building-mounted signs, replacement signs that change size, design, location, or mounting), adding illumination to any sign, signs that exceed standard size or placement rules

Additional Notes

- Permits are valid for 6 months and expire if work does not substantially begin.
- Inspections may be required during construction.
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