

# WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

When your project involves:

- An addition or structural changes to exterior or interior of your home or any accessory structure.
- Any type of electrical, heating or plumbing work that is not considered maintenance; examples of maintenance could be changing: a faucet; electrical device (switch, light); furnace, or water heater if same size.
- Putting up a fence.
- Building a new house, garage, storage shed, pool, porch or deck
- Finishing or remodeling a basement or rooms
- Remodeling a bathroom or kitchen if you have any structural or mechanicals (plumbing, electrical, Heating /Ventilation/Air-Conditioning (HVAC)
- Installation of a wood stove or fireplaces
- Hot tub or whirlpools

This is **not a total list** if in doubt please call the inspector!

IN SOME COMMUNITIES, A BUILDING PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:

- Replacement of same size doors and windows
- Replacement of roofing shingles or siding
- Installing storm windows
- Making minor repairs
- Changing flooring, carpet, or inlaid wood or tile
- Installing private sidewalks on your property

CHECK WITH THE INSPECTOR IN YOUR COMMUNITY

WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A PERMIT?

Ordinances and State Statutes require building permits. If you **do not** get a building permit when required the fees can be legally doubled, a stop work order will be posted and you could be fined for every day the work is not in compliance. If you are not sure whether your project requires a building permit, please contact the inspector for your municipality.