

Do You Need A Permit For That?



Do you know what is required before you start that next job. Before your next home improvement project be sure to check out this cheat sheet to be sure you are doing it the right way!

State law requires that permits be obtained before the following are done:

- Any work that will involve the addition, repair, or replacement of load bearing structures.
- Any addition or change in the design of plumbing.
- Replacing a water heater.
- Any addition, replacement, or change in the design of heating and/or air conditioning.
- The addition or replacement of any electrical wiring.
- Replacing roof covering with a different grade of fire resistance.
- Construction of any size out building if there is electrical.
- Construction of an out building if larger than 12 x 12 (or any side longer than 12ft).
- Replacing stucco.

No State Law does not require a permit for the following:

- The replacement of non-structural cosmetic building elements such as
- Floor and wall coverings.
- Molding and trim work.
- Cabinets and casework.
- Roof covering of the same fire resistance.
- Residential accessory buildings that are no more than 12 feet in any dimension (you will need to check with Planning & Zoning at 919-894-3553).
- Replacement of electrical fixtures and components when work is not done within the wall or ceiling cavity or behind the finished wall or ceiling surface.
- Replacement of plumbing fixtures when the work does not go beyond the trap seal.
- Installation of low voltage exterior landscape lighting.

Homeowners are able to perform any of the trade and building work they feel they can handle. If anyone else other than the homeowner (friend, relative or neighbor) does the work on the project, that person (other than the homeowner) needs to be licensed by the state.