



Village of Wyocena

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When do I need a Building Permit?

You must obtain a building permit when your project involves any of the following:

- Additions or structural changes — any modification to the exterior or interior structure of your home or accessory buildings
- Electrical, heating, or plumbing work that goes beyond basic maintenance
 - Maintenance examples: replacing a faucet, switch, light fixture, furnace, or water heater of the same size
- Installing a fence
- Constructing new structures—homes, garages, sheds, pools, porches, or decks
- Finishing or remodeling a basement or interior rooms
- Bathroom or kitchen remodels involving structural changes or mechanical systems (plumbing, electrical, HVAC)
- Installing wood stoves or fireplaces
- Adding hot tubs or whirlpools

This is not a complete list. If you are unsure, contact the inspector before starting your project.

When a Permit May Not Be Required?

In some communities, a building permit is not required for:

- Replacing same-size doors or windows
- Replacing roofing shingles or siding
- Installing storm windows
- Minor repairs
- Changing flooring—carpet, tile, wood, etc.
- Installing private sidewalks on your property

Always check with your local inspector, as requirements vary by municipality.

What Happens If I Don't Get a Permit?

Failing to obtain a required building permit can result in:

- Double permit fees (allowed by ordinance and state statute)
- A stop-work order posted on the property
- Daily fines until the work complies with code

If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, contact the inspector on duty before beginning any work.