

When is a permit required?

Almost always. A permit is required when work is done on a building or structure, or the systems serving the structure (electrical, mechanical/gas, and plumbing). Some examples of projects requiring a permit are (applies to residential and commercial):

New construction

- Accessory structures
- Detached garage
- Carport (including metal pre-built)
- Workshop or storage building/shed
- Pool house
- Pergola

Existing Construction

- Renovations and remodels: residential and commercial
- Change in Occupancy for a commercial use
- Enclosing an existing covered porch, attached carport, or screen porch
- Replacement windows
- Vinyl siding that is newly applied or is replaced (changed out)
- Porch cover over slab or deck
- Finishing an attic
- Additions to any structure
- Attached garage
- Sunroom
- Screen porch
- Electrical, mechanical/gas, and plumbing work
- Installing or replacing a furnace or air conditioner
- Installing gas lines for a gas fireplace or a gas stove
- Installing or replacing a hot water heater (including tankless water heaters)
- Changing out an electrical panel (electrical upgrade)
- Moving receptacles
- Re-wiring

- Electrical service for solar panels
- Demolition of an existing structure
- Adding a detached or attached deck to a house
- Swimming pool

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Please call the Building Department at [864-429-1720](tel:864-429-1720) if you have questions about whether a permit is required for a construction project.