

Why should I get a permit?

There are many important reasons to obtain the required permit(s) and to obtain the required inspections for your project.

- Protects property value - Your home or business is an investment. If your project does not comply with the codes and standards adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced.
- Saves money – Property insurance may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.
- Makes selling property easier – When property is sold through a multiple-listing association, the owner must disclose any improvements or repairs made and if permits and inspections were obtained. Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied, or do costly repairs.
- Improves safety – The permit review and inspections process are designed to ensure that all construction is safe. By following code guidelines your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future occupants. Mandatory inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances resulting in a safer project.
- It's the law – Work without a permit may be subject to removal or other costly remedies.