



DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Yes...

When your project involves:

- An addition or change to the exterior or interior of your home.
- Any type of electrical, heating or plumbing work.

For exterior work, you need a permit to:

- Change the size of window or door openings
- Install a new swimming pool (above or in-ground), either temporary or permanent
- Add a screened porch
- Build a new storage shed, garage, deck, house, or hard surface driveway
- Install a hot tub

For interior work, you need a permit to:

- Install a hot tub or whirlpool
- Alter a bathroom or kitchen
- Install or replace a furnace, hot water heater
- Install or replace a central air conditioner
- Install or replace a fireplace
- Add new electric outlets
- Change the number of dwelling units
- Finish your basement
- Any interior alterations

What if I don't get a permit?

Permits are required by Town ordinances and Wisconsin Statutes. If you don't get one when you should, the Town can fine you for the violation for every day the work is not in compliance. This can be expensive. The permit and accompanying inspections are to assure you that the work is up to code and safe. Projects not done according to code can affect your home's insurability and potential sale. Prospective buyers can check the Town's building records. (Please note these lists are not all-inclusive, but they do call out the most common projects.)

No...

When your project involves:

- *Painting the exterior or interior of your building*
- *Pouring a concrete patio or walkway*
- *Installing gutters and downspouts*
- *Installing storm windows and screens*
- *Replacing windows or doors with exact same size replacements*
- *Re-roofing*
- *Siding/Fencing*

Have you decided that your project needs a permit?

Fill out permits listed on website and email to inspector@townofwaukesha.us.

Tax Key is required for all permits. If you have questions on permits please call the building inspector at 262-490-8270.