

Do I need a Building Permit?

Building Permits are required BEFORE you:



renovate, repair or add on to an existing building



construct a new home



construct a new accessory building or structure greater than 10m² (107 ft²)



remove, relocate, alter or construct interior walls



complete a previously unfinished area in an existing building



construct, cover or enclose a porch or sun deck



demolish, relocate or move a building



construct a swimming pool, hot tub or spa pool deeper than 1 metre



construct a chimney or install a woodstove or insert



construct retaining walls 1 metre (3.28') in height or more (professional engineer required)



construct fences 2 metres (6.56') in height or higher



make plumbing additions or alterations

MANY HOME RENOVATIONS REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT

FAILURE TO ACQUIRE A PERMIT BEFORE STARTING WILL RESULT IN A DOUBLE PERMIT FEE

Building Permits are **NOT** required for minor non-structural modifications such as:

- cabinet replacement
- painting
- flooring
- roofing repairs or re-roofing (third party inspection recommended)
- decorative finish repair or replacement
- retaining walls under 1 metre (3.28') in height
- fences under 2 metres (6.56') in height
- landscaping (with the exception of irrigation systems) - construction permit may be required

IF YOU ARE UNSURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT 250-655-5470