

Work Exempt from Permits for One and Two Family Dwellings Only

Building Permits

1. Fences not over 6 ft. high.
2. Retaining walls that are not over 3 ft. in height measure from finished grade at the bottom of the wall to finished grade at the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
3. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
4. Sidewalks, driveways and on-grade concrete or masonry patios not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below. **(Work being done on driveway aprons & sidewalks within the city street right of way does require a permit and it must be obtained from the Engineering Department.)**
5. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar finish work not involving structural changes or alterations.
6. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
7. Swings, non-habitable tree houses and other playground equipment.
8. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and which do not require additional support.

Electrical Permits

Repairs and maintenance: A permit shall not be required for minor repair work, including replacement of lamps and fuses or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

Gas:

1. Portable heating or cooking appliances with a self-contained fuel supply.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
3. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Mechanical Permits

1. Portable heating appliances with a self-contained fuel supply.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling units.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping contained within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by Chapters 19 through 24 of the Connecticut State Building Code.
5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative coolers.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 lbs. Or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.
8. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Plumbing Permits

1. The stopping leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in Sections R105 and R109 of this code.

