



City of Milford
Department of Permitting
and Land Use

Why should I get a permit?

- **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 insurers 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.
- **Ensures safety** – The permit review and inspections process is 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, and your friends or future owners. 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