PERMITS

Building permits are a type of authorization needed by a government or regulatory body before the construction of a new or existing building can begin.

WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT?

You need a permit because in most cases, it's illegal to build structures without a building permit. You could be subject to fines or daily penalties until you have a permit for your project.





WHY ARE PERMITS SO EXPENSIVE?

Permits are so expensive because some of the many things paid for by the permit include reviews by the jurisdiction's engineers, plumbing inspectors, electrical inspectors, storm water inspectors and many more.

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

The types of projects that require a building permit vary from state to state. A simple rule to follow would be if your project is not specifically stated as exempt from needing a permit, you'll need one.





WHAT PAPERWORK DO I NEED TO GET A PERMIT?

The requirements depend on the type of work you're working on. For simple interior projects, you may need a floor plan. For larger projects, you may need a full set of working drawings and a site survey map.

DOINEED A CONTRACTOR?

This depends on how big the project is. You can do the work yourself or hire a contractor. If you do decide to hire a contractor, you'll need to provide the contractor's name when the application is made.



