



When Do I Need a Building Permit?

This information is not meant to cover all code requirements. When in doubt, contact Burnsville's Protective Inspections Division prior to the start of any project at 952-895-4444.

The Protective Inspection Division works with contractors, tenants and property owners to ensure new construction and alterations to existing structures are code compliant.

Building Permits must be obtained **before beginning** any residential or commercial work that requires a permit. The qualified person responsible for doing the work must make the application for the required permits, which may include zoning, building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, sign and grading permits.

The Following Work Requires Permits:

New construction, remodeling, additions or alterations to existing structures including, but not limited to:

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| -decks | -basement finish | -entry doors |
| -siding | -garages | -sheds (over 120 square feet. ¹) |
| -windows | -roofing | -porches |
| -swimming pools | -fences (over 6 feet) | -garage door replacement |
| -retaining walls | -demolition | -pole barns |

Any replacement, alteration or moving of appliances and fixtures including, but not limited to:

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| -water heaters | -ranges | -furnace/boilers |
| -air conditioners | -gas fireplaces | -exhaust fans |
| -laundry facilities | -water softeners | -water treatment systems |

All mechanical, plumbing, electrical, water and sewer work (new or replacement) including, but not limited to

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| -fire protection systems | -plumbing drain, waste, and vent |
| -mechanical vents/ductwork | -gas piping |
| -water supply piping | -fixture replacement (toilets, faucets, sinks) |
| -irrigation systems | -electrical devices/fixtures (outlets, switches, light fixtures) |
| -septic systems | -generators |

Many informational handouts are available at Burnsville City Hall, or at www.burnsville.org/permit to assist you with questions about permits and construction of accessory structures, decks, porches, swimming pools, fences and others. When in doubt call Inspections staff at 952-895-4444.

¹Structures less than 120 sq. ft. in floor area and more than 50 sq. ft. in floor area require a Zoning Permit.