

When is a Permit Not Required

Construction

- Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep
- Swings or other playground equipment accessory to a one or two-family dwelling
- window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support

Electrical

- Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe
- Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid

Mechanical

- Portable heating appliance
- 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
- Portable ventilation appliances
- Portable cooling unit
- Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe
- Portable evaporative cooler (window mount only)
- Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less
- Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid. The stopping of 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 this code. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.