



When Residential Permits Are Required

All plans to be submitted to the City for review require an appointment. Please contact the Construction Codes Superintendent at 610-437-7602, to schedule an appointment to submit plans.

By State Law, you will need a permit, inspection and certification of occupancy for:

- Change of use or occupancy
- Construction of a new building
- Any additions or alterations to an existing structure
- Structural alterations to an existing dwelling unit
- Any garage, carport, shed or greenhouse attached to a house
- Any garage, carport, shed or greenhouse not attached to a single family dwelling and is 1000 square feet or larger
- Any garage, carport, shed or greenhouse not attached to a two or more family dwelling or to a townhouse
- Enclosing a porch or patio
- Installing/building a sunroom or "three seasons" room
- Installing any deck that is more than 30 inches above ground at any point
- Installing any deck that is less than 30 inches above ground if it has a roof or ceiling
- Installing any indoor or outdoor hot tub, spa or in-ground swimming pool
- Installing any swimming pool (including inflatables) with a depth of 24 inches or more
- Installing any fence higher than 6 feet
- Installing any retaining wall higher than 4 feet
- Changes to an existing means of egress (exit doors, stairs, handrails, guard system, ramps and windows)
- Installation of all aluminum or vinyl siding
- New installation or replacement of asbestos shingles, slate surface, asphalt, stucco, brick or siding
- Installation of new or replacement roofs
- Demolition of a building or part of a building
- The addition of closets
- Installation of a dropped or suspended ceiling
- Installation, replacement, changes to or additions of water supply or waste lines
- Installation of plumbing fixtures or replacements requiring changes to or additions to water supply or waste lines
- Installation and/or replacement of automatic water heaters
- Installation of heating equipment
- Electrical wiring
- Sandblasting of any exterior wall surface
- Repair or replacement of cross overs and sidewalks (Engineering)
- Installation of window awnings, door hoods and or canopies extending more than 54 inches from the exterior wall
- Replacing windows that result in changing the size of the window opening
- Installation or replacement of drywall
- Finishing a basement, attic or garage
- Move, remove or add walls
- Build or replace an exterior stairway more than 30 inches high
- **All exterior work and window replacement in an Historic District**
- **Any portion of a dwelling or residential accessory on structure that will be used for commercial purposes**

**** Apply for the permit before starting work.**

***** Call for an Inspection.**

****** Before you do anything, check with the Zoning Office (610-437-7630) first.**

A fine of \$100.00 may be imposed for each type of work being done without a permit.

If you have any questions, please call 610-437-7591.