

WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

The Safety Codes Act requires that all contractors or homeowners in Alberta obtain permits before starting any work on projects covered by the current edition discipline specific codes and regulations.

When applying for a permit, remember that:

- The permitted work must comply with all applicable codes and regulations.
- Permits have expiry dates. Permit expiry dates can be located under general permit conditions section of the issued permit document.
- Most private sewage disposal system permits expire within 30 days.

BUILDING DISCIPLINE

The Permit Regulation and the Building Code requires a building permit for any new construction, change in occupancy, alteration or renovation that is over \$5000 in prevailing market value and over 10 m2 with the following exemptions:

- PERMITS ARE **NOT** REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - construction of a building, including a renovation or an addition to a building, if
 - the building is not a stage or tent or overhead structure that is used or intended to be used in conjunction with a stage or tent,
 - construction, renovation or addition does not exceed \$5000 in prevailing market value, and
 - matters affecting health or life safety are not at risk;
 - painting or decorating if
 - matters affecting health or life safety are not at risk, and
 - there is no structural change to the building;
 - re-roofing or re-siding if
 - the re-roofing or residing is undertaken for aesthetic purposes or for the purposes of maintaining the building,
 - the re-roofing or re-siding is being replaced with roofing or siding of a similar type,
 - matters affecting health or safety are not at risk, and
 - there is no structural change to the building.
 - to replace or alter ducting serving a space heating appliance if
 - it is located in a single family residential dwelling and
 - there is no design change required to the heating and ventilation system;
 - construction of, including renovation of or an addition to, a stage if the platform of the stage is not at a distance greater than 1200mm above the adjacent surface on any side;
 - construction of, including renovation of or an addition to, a tent that is
 - located on property that is designated for residential use by municipal land use bylaws and used as a single family residential dwelling, and
 - not used for commercial purpose, or
 - that is located on a campsite or campground or more than 3 m from any other structure if the tent
 - does not cover, and is not part of a group of tents that collectively cover, more than 60m2 of ground and
 - does not contain, and is not intended to contain commercial cooking equipment;
 - relocatable industrial accommodation if the relocatable industrial accommodation is at the relocation site for not more than 28 days;
 - Utility towers and poles, television and radio or other communications antennas or towers, except loads resulting from those located on or attached to a building;
 - water conveyance and control structures, except for associate building provided for occupancy;
 - highway and railway bridges;

- mechanical process equipment and appliances in an industrial occupancy that are not required building services are not specifically regulated by the Building Code;
- a building of low human occupancy associated with the operation of the farm on which it is located where the building is used for the
 - housing of livestock,
 - storage or maintenance of equipment, or
 - storage of materials or produce,
 - farm buildings may include, but are not limited to,
 - produce storage facilities
 - livestock and poultry housing,
 - milking centres,
 - manure storage facilities,
 - grain bins,
 - silos,
 - feed preparation centres,
 - farm workshops (for the farm on which the workshop is located, not a agricultural repair shop serving the public) and
 - horse riding, exercise and training facilities not used by the public (no bleachers, public food service etc.)

ELECTRICAL DISCIPLINE

A permit in the electrical discipline is required to install, alter, or add to an electrical system.

Permits are required for all electrical installations.

These include, but are not limited to;

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| • Farm Buildings | • New Service Connection |
| • Hot tub/swimming pools | • Temporary Service |
| • Solar installations | • Underground Service |
| • Renovations | • Basement development |
| • Garage | • Skid units |
| • Ac unit | • Relocatable accommodation |
| • Sheds | • Oilfield pump jacks |
| • Service Upgrade | |

GAS DISCIPLINE

A permit in the gas discipline is required to install, alter or add to a gas system.

Permits are required for all gas installations. These include, but are not limited to;

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| • Furnace replacements or installations | • Pool Heaters |
| • Gas fireplace installations | • Propane tank sets over 454 liters |
| • Grain driers (every time they are connected) | • Tube Heaters |
| • Water heaters (including replacements if the venting changes) | • Unit Heaters |
| | • Piped BBQ lines |
| | • Change of fuel type (propane to natural gas) |



PLUMBING DISCIPLINE

A permit in the plumbing discipline is required to install, alter or add to a plumbing system.

Permits are required for all plumbing installations. These include, but are not limited to;

- New Installations
- Adding any fixtures or taps requiring new piping

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISCIPLINE

A permit in the private sewage discipline is required for a private sewage disposal system undertaking.

Permits are required for all Private Sewage systems. These include, but are not limited to;

- New System Installation
- Change of open discharge location
- Septic tank replacement
- Holding tank installation
- Outhouses with tank

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