



Citizen's Guide To When I Need A Building Permit



BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

Do I need a permit for minor construction or alterations?

A building permit is required for the construction or modification of your home or garage in excess of \$499, or an accessory structure not attached to the home larger than 120 square feet.

Do I need separate permits for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work?

Additional permits must be obtained for changes or alterations to electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems.

Can I do the work myself?

A California licensed contractor is required to obtain the permit under state law; however, you can obtain your own permit for work that you are doing at your own residence.

Can I do work in the public right-of-way?

Any work on the public street, public sidewalk, or public way will require the permit to be obtained by a California licensed contractor.

Do I need a permit for a fence or block wall?

Fences or block walls may require a permit.

Do I need a permit for a new roof?

Re-roofing does require a permit.

If you are not sure if a permit is required for the project that you are doing, just ask and our City staff will be able to help you. Don't be afraid of the cost of the permit, these fees are designed to be a minimum fee.

Remember that the building codes and ordinances that have been adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower are for the safety and welfare of the public.

Note: The property owner is responsible for mending all open or expired permits on the property. All expired permits must be finalized before any new permits are issued.