



'To Permit' or 'Not To Permit'



Construction in your future?

The City of Englewood requires building permits for most construction projects. The Building Division is here to help citizens and contractors in a variety of ways. We, with other City departments check plans for conformity with Building Codes, Zoning Regulations, drainage control, minimize visual traffic obstructions, etc. Our goal is to ensure that buildings are constructed to minimum standards that are intended to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare. Furthermore, we provide information, process permits, perform inspections and keep records.

One of the most frequently asked questions is, 'Do I need a permit? A permit is not required for these types of work: Replace flooring or carpets * Interior and exterior painting * Direct replacement of cabinets, counter tops, toilets, sinks and faucets * Repair of roofing or siding when to be repaired is less than 100 square feet * Soffit, fascia and gutters * Storage sheds that are smaller in 200 sq. feet (however all storage sheds require Zoning approval, contact them at 303.762.2349)
* Decks under 200 sq. feet, not attached to the house, not serving an exit door and not more than 30 inches above grade (must still check with Zoning for approval contact them at 303.762.2349)

While it's true that most of the time the answer is yes, you'll be happy to know there are a lot of items that do not require a permit. A permit is required when you are: Replacing or adding fencing * Building additions including decks, patios and garages * Replacing windows * Adding, removing or moving interior or exterior walls * Making and change to water lines, drains or bath/shower valves * Install new drywall * Replacing a furnace (needs an electrical permit also) * Adding or replacing an air conditioner or swamp cooler (other than portables) * Replacing a water heater * Adding or altering heating or plumbing systems * Adding or altering electrical systems * Adding or replacing back-flow preventers

**Please note these items are not all inclusive but are merely examples of the types of work that do or do not require permits. Please contact the Building Department if you have questions regarding the need for permits.

