

Most renovation projects will require a building permit to ensure compliance with local and State building codes. If you have any questions or are not sure if you need a permit or not, please do not hesitate to contact the Permit Center at (574)296-9331.

LIST OF COMMON HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS
THAT DO **NOT** REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT:

- Painting – please follow lead-based paint precautions www.epa.gov/lead.
- Installing/Replacing any type of floor cover (carpet, tile, linoleum, etc.) and wall trim.
However, any work with subflooring will require a permit.
- Installing/Replacing kitchen cabinets.
- Replacing broken glass in a window
- Replacing an existing window of the exact same size.
However, adding new windows, changing the size or location of a window, or performing any work that will affect the window framing will require a permit.
- Replacing an existing door of the exact same size.
However, adding new doors, changing the size or location of a door, or performing any work that will affect the door framing will require a permit.
- Installing/Replacing gutters or shutters.
- Installing/Replacing one (1) square of shingles (1 sq. of shingles = 100 sq.ft.) and the shingles must match the existing shingles.
However, installing/replacing shingles over 100 sq.ft. will require a permit.
- Installing/Replacing fascia, soffit, or siding in areas of 100 sq.ft. or less.
However, installing/replacing siding in areas over 100 sq.ft will require a permit.
- Installing/Repairing/Demolishing a shed that is 120 sq.ft. or less.
However, installing/relocating a shed of any size will require a Zoning Clearance. In addition, installing/repairing/demolishing a shed that is larger than 120 sq.ft. will require a building permit.
- Repair of an existing fence.
However, installing a new fence or moving existing fence posts will require a Zoning Clearance.

Please contact the Permit Center to find out if a permit is required for installation, replacement, or repair of stairs, steps, decks, guardrails or handrails.