

Permits Protect

Protecting the **Safety & Value** of Your Home

The purpose of every permit is to protect what you value most – your family and your home. Faulty construction and/or installations can cause house fires, flood damage and structural problems. But permits and inspections help protect your loved ones from these potentially deadly mistakes. Permits also help you avoid costly repairs down the line and preserve your biggest financial investment – your home. When selling your home, you may be required to fully disclose all remodeling work and correct or remove unpermitted non-code compliant work. With permits and inspections, you can be assured that your home is safe and protected.

How do permits protect your home?

- A permit gives you and/or your contractor legal permission to begin the work and allows the code official to ensure public health, safety, and welfare by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and/or installations.
- Building permits help ensure that the construction project is built right, will be safe, and will last. The County does not license general contractors but does verify that out-of-state contractors are registered with the state. The County does register all repair contractors that obtain permits for repairs from a natural disaster such as a flood or severe storm.
- Trade permits help ensure that licensed plumbers and licensed electrical and residential HVAC contractors do the trade work because the County only issues trade permits to licensed contractors. Licenses help ensure that the trade contractor's installer or servicer has the necessary training & experience, and qualifications to do the work.
- Permits ensure that the plans, when required, will be reviewed by a licensed professional engineer, registered architect, or certified plan examiner. You benefit from the plan examiners knowledge of the codes and know that the work shown on the approved plans meets minimum code requirements.
- Permits ensure that a certified or experienced inspector inspects the construction project or installation. Inspections help make sure work is done safely and meets minimum code requirements. When an inspector approves the work you know that the work has been checked for safety violations and complies with the code.

Always insist on permits when permits are required! Beware of a contractor willing to do work without a permit. It simply doesn't pay to cut corners when it comes to your family's safety and your biggest financial asset, your home.