



HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO: BUILDING & PERMITTING

CITY OF ATLANTA



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Q WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT?

- Local governments require building permits to maintain a standard of construction and development and ensure the safety of the community at large.

Q WHAT REQUIRES A PERMIT?

- Additions
- Concrete walkways (depending on location)
- Decks
- Demolitions
- Driveway and parking pads
- Drywall
- Ductwork
- Electrical work
- Exterior door replacements
- Fences
- Flood or fire damage repairs
- Fireplace installations
- Gas piping

- Generators
- HVAC replacements
- Land disturbance activity
- Major mechanical electrical or plumbing (MEP)
- Mechanical work
- Minor nonstructural interior alterations or repairs to walls, ceilings, flooring and interior doors
- New construction, expansions, modifications or augmentations to existing residential and nonresidential property structures
- Painting and floor coverings, such as carpet, tile and wood
- Plumbing
- Pools, both above- and in-ground
- Renovations, both interior and exterior
- Replacement or repair of plumbing fixtures, including toilet and tank components
- Retaining walls
- Roofs (new and re-roofing)
- Sewer taps
- Sidings
- Signs
- Sinks, faucets, valves and traps; replacement or repair of garbage disposal, clogged drains and existing sewer lines
- Storm shutters
- Storm or sewer piping
- Tree removal
- Walls
- Water heater and water conditioning systems
- Window replacements

Q WHAT MIGHT NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT?

- Replacements and repairs of appliances, including those with factory-affixed cord into existing outlet.
- Portable heating and window or wall A/C units.

Q WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Before starting any construction or for a complete list of home repairs requiring a permit, please contact: **City of Atlanta, Office of Buildings** at (404) 330-6150 or visit www.atlantaga.gov/buildingpermits.

This document does not necessarily represent the complete process for every project. Larger and more complex projects may require additional steps. Please visit www.atlantaga.gov/buildingpermits for additional details.