

Residential Building Permits

WHY IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

The purpose of a building permit is to provide the building inspector the opportunity to inspect a project for compliance with the State building, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC codes. This is for the homeowner's protection and safety. Before you allow any contractor to begin work, a permit must be obtained and posted on the front of the residence in view facing the street you are addressed to. All contractors must be licensed with the State of Wisconsin. Contractors include Electricians, Plumbers, HVAC and Framers (per Municipal Code 15.04.090 A). If you have a specific project question please contact the Inspection Department at 715-426-3426 or 715-426-3427.

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED FOR:

- New home construction
- New windows or door installations
- Building additions
- Building alterations/remodeling (basement finish)
- Razing a structure
- Demolition (gut or remove) a portion of a structure
- New driveway or parking area expansion
- Repair fire or water damage
- Shed 150 sq ft or larger in size
- Fence installation
- New and replacement deck, stoop, stairs
- Fireplaces, gas or wood inserts
- Plumbing work (except faucet replacement)
- Electrical work (except light fixture or receptacle replacement)
- New furnace, air conditioning, or duct work
- Portable garages/carports

HOW TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT

Call the City of River Falls Inspection Department at 715-426-3427 to make an appointment to obtain a building permit prior to beginning your project. A building permit application, building plans and specs, and permit fee must be submitted. Applications are available at City Hall and online at rfcity.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Inspections staff at City Hall
222 Lewis Street, River Falls WI 54022
715.425.0900

FINAL INSPECTION

A final inspection must be completed (requested by the homeowner or contractor) upon completion of the project and prior to occupying the space. It is recommended the final inspection be completed prior to the homeowner paying the contractor in full to ensure the work performed conforms to State Codes.

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