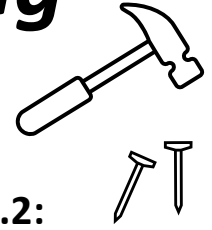




Does my project require a *building permit?* **YES!!!** Unless it is exempt,



Only the following work is EXEMPT from permit, Ca Residential Code R105.2:

RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES:

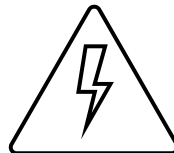
1. One-story detached accessory structures, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
2. Fences not over 7 feet high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools less than 24 inches deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more

than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

ELECTRICAL:

1. Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor.
3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.



5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

GAS:

1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
3. Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

MECHANICAL:

1. Portable heating appliances.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling units.
4. Steam, hot- or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.

MECHANICAL CONTINUED:

- 5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- 6. Portable evaporative coolers.
- 7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
- 8. Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

PLUMBING:

- 1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
- 2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets,

provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL WORK THAT REQUIRES A PERMIT:

- 1. Bathroom or Kitchen remodels involving removing wall coverings and changing fixtures, electrical, plumbing, or HVAC (mechanical) work;
- 2. Adding receptacle or lighting outlets or extending electrical wiring work;
- 3. Main Service Panel Replacements;
- 4. Covered patios;
- 5. Carports;
- 6. Replacing water heaters;
- 7. Replacing HVAC units;
- 8. Replacing windows;
- 9. Any framing and/or drywall work;
- 10. Re-Roofing;
- 11. Enclosing an existing patio cover;
- 12. Converting a garage into living space;
- 13. Replacing or repairing sewer lines;
- 14. Repairing or replacing water lines;
- 15. Re-piping;
- 16. Installing a gas fireplace;
- 17. Installing a retaining wall over 4' from bottom of footing;
- 18. Flag poles!;
- 19. Replacing or adding swamp coolers;
- 20. Earthwork grading and/or fill, see Kern County Grading Code Ch 17.28.



IF YOU WANT TO KNOW IF A PERMIT IS NEEDED FOR AN UPCOMING PROJECT, PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR CLARIFICATION.

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