

Building Permit Examples

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This table provides a guideline to instances when you do or don't require a building permit. Please note that this is a guide only and for more specific cases, you should contact The Village Office.

Common types of building work	Building Permit required?	
Additions		
Additions to a dwelling or any other building	Yes	
Alterations		
Structural alterations to a dwelling or any Other building	Yes	
Removal Of or alteration to a load bearing part of a building	Yes	
Carports Garages Outbuilding		
Construction of a garage/carport larger than 200 Sq. Ft. in area	Yes	
Construction of a freestanding building that is less than 200 Sq. Ft.	No	
Decks		
The deck is in excess of 200 Sq. Ft. in area	Yes	
The deck is constructed over an easement (when attached to another building).	Yes	

Demolition I Removal		
Demolition or removal of, part or all of a building Owner-builders must provide the relevant Building Surveyor with evidence that the demolisher has the necessary knowledge, experience, equipment and storage facilities to properly conduct the demolition.	Yes	
Demolition of freestanding garage/carport, and the work will not adversely affect the safety of the public or occupiers of the building	No	
Fences		
Construction of a timber, vinyl, picket or the like side or rear boundary fence	Yes	
Construction of a brick, concrete or the like fence	Yes	
Masts I Antennas		
Height more than 36 feet above the highest point of a building	Yes	
Not attached to a building and height more than 24 feet above the ground	Yes	

Retaining Walls		
Constructed on or near site boundaries where there is a risk of damage of adjoining property	Yes	
Construction of a retaining 3 feet or more in height/depth	Yes	
Roofing		
Replacing of shingle roofing	Yes	
Replacing of metal roofing	Yes	
Replacement of 25% or less	No	
Signs		
More than 3 Feet in height and within 9 feet of the street alignment	Yes	
Swimming Pools I Spas		
Swimming pool or spa greater than 3 feet in depth (permanent)	Yes	
Swimming pool or spa greater than 3 feet in depth (seasonal, drain completely out for winter)	No	

Windows		
Replacement of windows with the same size windows, where no alteration to the opening is required	No	
Installation of "bay" or "corner" type windows, where structural alterations are required	Yes	
Installation of any window, where structural alterations are required	Yes	
Siding		
Installing of new siding of any type (Vinyl, Wood, Aluminum)	Yes	
Replacement of siding of more than 25 % of the building	Yes	

A planning permit or approval may be required, regardless of whether or not a building permit is required.

- Along with a Village permit may have to obtain a permit from Waushara County as well

Notes:

Building Code of the Village (includes structural safety, fire rating, health and amenity requirements, as applicable).

- Must still comply with any Building Ordinances and State of Wisconsin Statutes
- Must comply with all provisions of the Act and Regulations.
- Plumbing needs to be installed by a licensed plumber
- Electrical needs to be installed by a licensed electrician