



When is a permit required? Some examples include...

- Changing the structure
- Changing the footprint of your home
- Removing / adding a wall
- Creating a new door or window
- Changing a room / garage into something new (Ex: Converting a garage to a master bedroom)
- Re-roofing your house (if you are only changing your shingles then this does not apply)
- Any renovation over the amount of \$20,000

When you might not need a permit. Some examples include...

- Changing cabinets in the kitchen or bathroom, as long as it doesn't exceed \$20,000
- Painting, as long as it doesn't exceed \$20,000
- Replacing floors, as long as it doesn't exceed \$20,000
- Re-shingling roof, as long as it doesn't exceed \$20,000, uses the same materials and no structural work is performed
- Replacing certain kitchen appliances, as long as it doesn't exceed \$20,000
- Repaving your driveway
- Vinyl residing replacement, as long as it doesn't exceed \$20,000

When must work be done by a licensed contractor?

Building Contractor Required:

A general contractor licensed in North Carolina must perform all work where the construction cost is in excess of \$30,000. Any person who is paid to manage a project where the construction cost is in excess of \$30,000 must be a licensed General Contractor. An unlicensed contractor may perform work where the cost is \$30,000 or less. Any person may act as their own general contractor for construction of a home, addition or accessory structure if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure for 12 months after completion