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## REQUIRED BUILDING PERMITS

The following is a partial list of items that require permit from Building Safety. Other things that are not listed may require a permit. Note that all work, regardless of whether or not a permit is required, shall comply with California Codes, Culver City Municipal Codes and City Ordinances.

### BUILDING PERMITS:

- Block wall
- Carport, new or conversion
- Deck above grade
- Demolition, interior or exterior
- Door, in new location
- Door, replacement if size is increased
- Fence, wood, over six feet in height (all fences/walls require Planning Division approval, regardless of height)
- Fireplace
- Garage, new or conversion
- Partition wall
- Patio cover/trellis/arbor
- Patio enclosure
- Pool
- Porch or sun room
- Re-roof
- Remodel
- Retaining wall
- Roof change, flat to sloped
- Room addition
- Shower walls, repair or enclosures
- Skylight
- Sliding glass door, new or replacement
- Spray booth (Fire Dept. permit only if no architectural work)
- Stairway
- Storage loft/platform
- Storage shed, except pre-fabricated sheds less than 60 sq. ft.
- Termite/dry rot repair
- Vinyl siding, if removing existing stucco and/or lateral bracing
- Windows, new or replacement

**MECHANICAL PERMITS:**

- Air conditioning
- Central vacuum system
- Commercial kitchen hood
- Duct system, extension or relocation
- Exhaust fan, new or relocation (bathroom, kitchen, laundry, etc.)
- Exhaust fan, replacement if type, size, or rating is changed
- Fireplace
- Heating unit (central furnace, wall furnace, floor furnace, unit heater)
  
- Make-up air unit
- Paddle/ceiling fan
- Product conveying system
- Ventilation system
- Wood stove/pellet stove

**PLUMBING PERMITS:**

- Backflow device
- Dishwasher, new or replacement
- Earthquake valve
- Fixtures, new, replacement or relocation (bathtub, bidet, laundry tray, lavatory, shower, sink, toilet, urinal)
- Garbage disposal, new or replacement
- Gas piping, new, replacement, or extension
- Gas service
- Grease trap/industrial waste interceptor
- Hose bib
- Lawn sprinkler anti-siphon valves (AVB), new or replacement
- Pool related plumbing
- Sewage ejector
- Sewer cap/clean-out
- Sewer line, new, repair or replacement
- Solar panels for water heating
- Spa/Hot tub related plumbing (outdoor only)
- Sprinkler (residential sources of ignition)
- Standpipe for washing machine or water softener
- Steam units (not over 200,000 BTU's)
- Sump pump
- Water heater, new, replacement or relocation
- Water piping, new, replacement or extension
- Water pressure regulator
- Water service

**ELECTRICAL PERMITS:**

- Exterior lighting for commercial buildings, new or replacement
- Garage door opener only if adding outlet or wiring
- Pool related electrical
- Service panel or sub panel (new, replacement, relocated, or upgraded)
- Signs, illuminated
- Solar panels
- Spa/hot tub related electrical (outdoor only)
- Temporary power poles
- Wiring and wiring devices for appliances such as air conditioners, space heaters, dishwashers, washing machines, water heaters, clothes dryers, etc.
- Wiring and wiring devices for motors, generators, transformers, industrial heating, air conditioners and heat pumps, cooking and baking equipment, etc.
- Wiring devices, new, replacement, or relocation (light, switch, outlet, smoke detector, ceiling fan, etc.)

The following is a partial list of items that DO require a permit from Building Safety. There are additional projects and items that could require a permit. Work shall not begin before the permit has been issued. Note that all work, regardless of whether or not a permit is required, shall comply with California Codes, Culver City Municipal Codes and City Ordinances.

- Accessory building or dwelling
- Awning
- Deck, new or replacement
- Demolition
- Fence, new or replacement
- Foundation
- Garage conversion
- Handicap ramp
- Handicap restroom
- Lighting fixtures
- Patio enclosure
- Patio room
- Pool
- Porch enclosure
- Porch, new or replacement
- Re-roof
- Remodel
- Retaining wall
- Seismic (earthquake) retrofit
- Sign
- Spa/hot tub
- Storage shed, attached
- Suspended ceiling
- T-bar ceiling
- Tenant Improvement
- Trellis/patio cover/arbor
- Wall, new, replacement or removal (interior or exterior)

The following is a partial list of items that DO NOT require a permit from Building Safety. All work, regardless of whether or not a permit is required, shall comply with California Codes, Culver City Municipal Codes and City Ordinances. Please check with other City of Culver City departments for their requirements. Departments may require approval and/or permits for work not mandated to have a permit by the Building Safety Division.

- Cabinets
- Carpet
- Clean up, interior
- Concrete slab on grade
- Counter tops
- Driveway (see Engineering Division)
- Floor coverings
- French drains
- Landscaping (excluding sprinkler systems)
- Painting, interior or exterior
- Play house/tree house
- Playground equipment
- Pre-fabricated storage building, detached, having a floor area of less than 60 square feet
- Pre-fabricated swimming pools accessory to a single-family dwelling in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons
- Sheetrock repair
- Tile, floor or wall
- Wall coverings



This is a comprehensive (but not complete) list of items or projects that require permits. Other items not listed may or may not require a permit. Any project which is submitted to this office for review and approval could require the applicant to apply for one or more of the above mentioned permits.

We hope you find this helpful and useful. Please feel free to contact the Building Safety Division whether a permit is needed or not. We will do our best to answer specific questions about your project. We can be reached at (310) 253-5800 between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and every other Friday.