

## **Improvements and repairs that Do NOT require a permit:**

- Fences that are no more than 6 feet high. **(Note: See local municipality regarding all fence requirements, zoning approval may be required)**
- Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the lowest level of grade to the top of the wall unless the wall supports a surcharge.
- 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 to 1.
- Sidewalks and driveways that are 30 inches or less above adjacent grade and not placed over a basement or story below it.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finishing work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one or two-family dwelling.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Residential window replacement without structural change
- Minor electrical repair and maintenance including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

### **The following mechanical work or equipment does not require a permit:**

- A portable heating appliance.
- Portable ventilation appliances.
- A portable cooling units.
- Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated or governed under the Uniform Construction Code.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make the equipment unsafe.  
Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are put into action by motors one (1) horsepower or less.
- Portable evaporative cooler.
- A portable fuel cell appliance that is not connected to a fixed piping system and is not interconnected to a power grid.

### **The following plumbing work does not require a permit:**

- Stopping leaks in a drain, a water, soil, waste or vent pipe. The uniform construction code applies if a concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and is removed and replaced with new material.
- Clearing stoppages or repairing leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and installation of water closets, faucets and lavatories, or pipes that are not replaced or rearranged.