



Tweidt Building Code Enforcement Services

When is a Building Permit Required? Information Handout

A Building Permit will be required for:

- Residential buildings, commercial buildings and farm buildings (not located on a "family farm"), including new building construction as well as alteration and renovation of existing structures;
- Demolition, repair, relocation, alteration or addition to an existing building or structure;
- Alterations or construction of accessory buildings, garages, decks, swimming pools, and mobile homes;
- Structural changes to existing buildings;
- Change of occupancy or use of an existing building;
- Accessory buildings that are greater than 10m²;
- Decks and roof enclosures over existing or new decks;
- Basement development in existing dwellings.

A Building Permit will NOT be required for:

- Fences, driveways and sidewalks;
- Cosmetic repairs such as paint or minor repairs to exterior finishes;
- Replacement roofing on a one to four unit dwelling unless the decking is replaced;
- Replacement siding on a one to four unit dwelling, as long as the replacement is with similar construction;
- Laying carpet;
- Replacing doors and windows in existing openings in a dwelling unit, as long as the replacement is with similar construction.

NOTE: Always check with the requirements of your local municipal government.