Do I Need a Building/Zoning Permit?

Use this guide to determine whether your project requires a permit. For any uncertainty, contact the local Code Office.

Permit NOT Required For:

(Simple repairs or minor projects — unless noted otherwise)

- **Plumbing:** Replacing toilets or fixtures (no new piping).
- Electrical: Replacing outlets, switches, or fixtures (no new wiring).
- Wall Repair: Drywall or siding repairs.
 - Note: If siding work involves structural elements, a permit is required.
- **Deck Repairs:** Replacing planks or non-structural parts only.
 - o Posts, railings, and structural members always require inspection.
- Windows/Doors: Replacing without changing framing (no structural changes).
- Tents: 20' x 20' or smaller for events.
- Sheds/Accessory Structures: 144 sq. ft. or smaller (Zoning rules still apply).

Permit REQUIRED For:

(Any structural, mechanical, or impactful project)

- Decks: New construction or replacement involving rails, posts, or structural members.
- Fences: Must include a survey map showing placement.
- Remodeling / Alterations:
 - Structural changes
 - Replacement of foundations or footings
 - Windows/doors requiring framing changes
- Land Disturbance:
 - o Over 500 sq. ft.
 - o In Conesus Lake Watershed or NYS Wetland areas
- **Demolition:** Of any structure.
- New Construction or Additions
- Roofing:
 - o Tear-offs
 - Replacements
 - New roofing layers
- Pools / Hot Tubs:
 - o All installations require permit and safety review
 - Pools over 24" not permitted without required NYS safety features

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- Appliances: Any fuel-burning device (wood, gas, oil).
- Utility Systems (New or Replaced):
 - New or replacement Electrical
 - Solar
 - o New or replacement Plumbing
 - o New or replacement HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, A/C)
 - Generators
 - o Geothermal systems
- Tents: Larger than 20' x 20' for any event.

i Important Notes:

- This is a **general guide**. Specific projects may have different requirements.
- Contact the Code Office before starting any work to avoid delays or violations.
- Code enforcement exists to protect **public health**, **safety**, **and welfare** by ensuring buildings and land use comply with local laws and standards.