



## Residential Work Exempt from Permits

**Building Permits** are not required for any of the following:

- One-story detached accessory structures, floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
- A prefabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment.
- Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling or its accessory structures, are not within 36 inches of a dwelling or its accessory structures, and do not serve any ingress or egress door of the dwelling or its accessory structures.

**Electrical permits** are not required for the following:

- Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

**Mechanical permits** are not required for any of the following:

- A portable heating or gas appliance that has inputs of less than 30,000 BTU's per hour.
- Portable ventilation appliances and equipment.
- A portable gas burner that has inputs of less than 30,000 BTU's per hour.

**Plumbing permits** are not required for any of the following:

- The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe.
- The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, if the repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures.

**Emergency Repairs:** Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.

Based on the 2015 Michigan Residential Code at the time of this document January 2024