

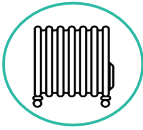




## Do I Need a Building or Trade Permit?

Not sure when you need a permit from the City of Detroit to do work on your building rehab project? Use this graphic as a starting place for deciding when you'll need to get a permit, whether you're doing the work yourself or hiring a contractor to do it.

If you are not sure if you need to apply for a permit after you review below feel free to contact City of Detroit Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) at (313) 224-2372, or by email at [DRC@detroitmi.gov](mailto:DRC@detroitmi.gov).

If your property is located within a local historic district, a permit is required for all exterior work. Contact City of Detroit Historic District Commission staff for more information at HDC Staff at [\(313\) 224-1762](tel:3132241762) or by email at [hdc@detroitmi.gov](mailto:hdc@detroitmi.gov) for more information..

PERMIT NEEDED?	YES	NO	YES	NO
	DIY	DIY	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACTOR
<div>MECHANICAL</div> <div></div>	For <b>any heating, cooling, gas piping, air distribution or exhaust system</b> – new or alteration	A permit is not required for <b>portable</b> heating, cooling, or ventilation units, minor parts that do not make the appliance unsafe	For <b>any heating, cooling, gas piping, air distribution or exhaust system</b> – new or alteration	A permit is not required for <b>portable</b> heating, cooling, or ventilation units, minor parts that do not make the appliance unsafe
<div>ELECTRICAL</div> <div></div>	A permit is required for alterations to electrical systems that <b>involve more than replacing switches or receptacles</b>	A permit is <b>not required</b> for <b>replacing switches or receptacles</b> or minor repairs including replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment*	A permit is required for alterations to electrical systems that <b>involve more than replacing switches or receptacles</b>	A permit is <b>not required</b> for <b>replacing switches or receptacles</b> or minor repairs including replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment*
<div>BOILERS</div> <div></div>	A permit is required for alterations to, or installation of, boilers	A permit is not required for repairs or replacement of <b>minor parts</b> so long as they do not make the boiler unsafe	A permit is required for alterations to, or installation of, boilers	A permit is not required for repairs or replacement of <b>minor parts</b> so long as they do not make the boiler unsafe
<div>PLUMBING</div> <div></div>	A permit is required for alterations to plumbing systems that involve more than the working parts of a faucet or valve, or clearance of stoppages	A permit is not required for repairs which involve <b>only the working parts of a faucet or valve, or clearance of stoppages</b>	A permit is required for alterations to plumbing systems, including piping	A permit is not required for repairs which involve <b>only the working parts of a faucet or valve, or clearance of stoppages</b>
<div>CONSTRUCTION</div> <div></div>	<p>Any project meant to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure</p> <p><u>Construction/alterations</u> including the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof</p> <p>Roof replacement/ removal of a substantial amount of shingles (with exemptions listed)</p> <p>Driveway approach and sidewalk flags associated with the driveway within public rights-of-way</p>	<p>Exemptions to Building permit requirement:</p> <p>Fences that are 7' high or less and not in a Special Review District</p> <p>Accessory detached structures <b>no more than 1 story and 200 square feet</b> (i.e. garages, sheds)</p> <p>Retaining wall no more than 4 feet tall</p> <p>Replacing a few shingles (any roof-work that could be done in a matter of minutes)</p> <p>Decks not exceeding 200 square feet</p>	<p>Any project meant to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure (with exemptions listed)</p> <p><u>Construction/alterations</u> including the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof</p> <p>Roof replacement/ removal of a substantial amount of shingles</p> <p>Driveway approach and sidewalk flags associated with the driveway within public rights-of-way</p>	<p>Exemptions to Building permit requirement:</p> <p>Fences that are 7' high or less and not in a Special Review District</p> <p>Detached structures <b>no more than 1 story and 200 square feet</b> for residential construction, 120 square feet for commercial construction</p> <p>Retaining wall no more than 4 feet tall</p> <p>Replacing a few shingles (any roof-work that could be done in a matter of minutes)</p>