

# When is a Building Permit Required?

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The **Building Code Act** requires that a building permit is obtained **prior** to commencing construction on any building.

## Examples of residential construction that require building permits are:

### Residential Sheds:

Any residential shed that is greater than 15 square meters in area or contains plumbing.

### Decks:

A deck that is greater than 10 square meters or is attached to the house.

### Renovations:

- a) An addition to a building
- b) Renovations that include structural changes to the building, such as removing load-bearing walls, adding new or increased-sized exterior structural openings for windows/doors, or egress window installations where the opening size is increased
- c) Finishing a basement
- d) Installing new plumbing (i.e. moving kitchen sink, constructing new bathroom, etc.)
- e) Extensive renovations (substantially removing interior walls)
- f) Installing a new forced air heating system
- g) The creation of an additional dwelling unit (secondary suite)
- h) Installation of rooftop solar panels
- i) Constructing a below grade entrance (basement entrance)
- j) Installation of a wood burning fireplace or wood stove
- k) Structural alterations/repairs or extension to an existing deck
- l) Enclosing a carport
- m) Converting a garage into living space
- n) Changing the use of a building
- o) Repairing or replacing a septic system
- p) Installation or repair of a sewer or water service

### How do I apply for a building permit?

The Municipality's online building permit application form can be accessed at **[www.strathroy-caradoc.ca/building](http://www.strathroy-caradoc.ca/building)**. Paper copy application forms are also available upon request.

### I am unsure whether or not I need a permit?

Questions regarding building permits can be directed to the Strathroy-Caradoc Building Department at **519-245-1105**.

