

RENOVATIONS THAT REQUIRE PERMITS

Permits are required for many (but not all) renovations.

Since homeowners are not usually familiar with permit requirements and processes, it's standard practice for the renovator to handle these tasks. However, as the homeowner you are legally responsible for having the all proper permits and inspections.

So speak to your contractor to make sure you understand all the ins and outs, and make sure it's noted on the scope of work.

Every municipality is a little bit different, but renovations that usually require building permits include (but are not limited to):

- ✓ Changes to the plumbing system
- ✓ Changes to the electrical system
- ✓ Changes to HVAC systems
- ✓ Major structural changes
- ✓ Additions to the structure
- ✓ New [window](#) or door openings
- ✓ The addition of outbuildings over a certain size
- ✓ The addition of a [deck](#) over a certain size
- ✓ Changes to a structure's foundation
- ✓ Construction of a secondary suite
- ✓ The addition of a fireplace