



WASHINGTON COUNTY
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Building
Electrical
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Building Permit Not Required - Residential

- One-story detached accessory structures, of wood or metal construction, used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
- Fences not over 6 feet high.
- Retaining walls that retain less than 36-inches of unbalanced backfill unless supporting a surcharge.
- Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one or two-family dwelling.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

Building Permit Not Required - Commercial

- One-story detached accessory structures, of wood or metal construction, used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
- Fences not over 6 feet high.
- Oil derricks.
- Retaining walls that retain less than 36-inches of unbalanced backfill unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids.
- Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below and which are not part of an accessible route.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy, as applicable in Section 101.2, which are less than 24 inches deep.
- Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes and not including service systems.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3, as applicable in Section 101.2, and Group U occupancies.
- Non-fixed and movable cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.

