

**Permits  
Required  
2009 International Residential Code**

Permits required by any owner or authorized agent:

Construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure. Replacing windows that involve structural changes or windows in areas that require an egress window.

Erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system regulated by this code.

Work exempt from permits and shall not be done in violation of the provisions of this code and the ordinances of the town of Plainfield:

1. One-story detached structures less than 200 square feet. (Town zoning requires a permit if over 64 square feet)
2. Fences not over six feet high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over four feet high, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks less than 5000 gallons and supported directly on grade.
5. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
8. Swings or other playground equipment accessory to a one- or two-family home.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall.
10. Decks that are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve an exit door; does not exceed 200 square feet and is not more than 30 inches above grade at any point.
11. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures.
12. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe as long as any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe does not become defective, requiring it to be removed and replaced.
13. Repairs as long as they do not include cutting away any part of a wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing support, the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the alteration of the structure that affects the egress requirements, nor shall ordinary repairs include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any , water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electrical wiring or mechanical or other work affecting the public health or general safety.



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All permits require inspections by the Plainfield Building Inspector to satisfy state and local building codes and a safety inspection by the Fire Chief for any residential construction, additions, or renovations.

State and local codes require specific inspections as outlined on the inspection guidelines attached with your approved permit.

**A Certificate of Occupancy is required prior to using or occupying a newly constructed house, any addition to a house, or a renovated house, and will be issued upon a successful final inspection.**

Inspection reports along with other permit documents are filed in the town office.

It is your responsibility to insure that the building inspector is contacted for the required inspections either by you or by your contractor.

Other permits for detached garages, sheds, decks, swimming pools, electrical upgrades, etc. will require some inspections and you should contact the Building Inspector to see what inspections will be required. Upon completion you will be issued a Completion Certificate. All documents will be filed in the Town Office.

  
David H Lersch  
Plainfield Building Inspector