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BUILDING PERMITS

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Permitting Requirements within Municipalities

In addition to the permit requirements of your local municipality, a County permit is also required for certain building, placement, or improvements made to a property within Sussex County but inside the boundary of a municipality.

In most instances, plan review and inspections will be performed by your city or town officials. Some municipalities have arranged for those services to be performed by the County. Please talk to your town or city for more information.

The following all require a permit from Sussex County:

Single and Multi-Family Dwellings

Manufactured Homes

Commercial Construction

- New or Replacement

Accessory Structures

Additions & Renovations

Accessory Structures

- Sheds – Pre-built & Site Built
- Gazebos & Pergolas
- Carports
- Playhouses
- Detached Structures (Garages & Pole Buildings)
- Agricultural Buildings
- Greenhouses
- Pools-Inground/Aboveground
- Solar Panel Installations (ground and structure mounted)
- Additions
- Wood Decks, Porches, Sunrooms
- Gas Fireplaces, Inserts, and Coal
- Siding
- Roofing*
- Interior/Exterior Renovations
- Finished Bonus Room
- Finished Basements
- Patios – Concrete/Brick/Paver

* Roofing includes structural sheathing or change in material such as shingle to metal.

Additionally, please see below list of projects that do not require a permit through Sussex County.

- HVAC (If replacing existing. A permit is required for new installation or additional units.)
- Fence or retaining walls located within a municipality, except for Slaughter Beach. (A permit is required for properties within the boundaries of the municipality of Slaughter Beach)
- Replacing flooring
- Painting
- Replacement of existing interior or exterior doors, or (2) or less existing windows
- Sidewalks and Driveways
- Electrical and Plumbing

For more information, contact the Sussex County Building Permit Section at (302) 855-7720



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