

Town of Caledonia Building Permit Requirements

Because every project is unique, contact the Building Inspector Lee Robbert at (920) 850-2686 and the Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Office at (715) 258-6255 to discuss the project and determine what permits may be required prior to starting the project.

Building Permit is Required

All new residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial construction including garages, pole buildings and barns, homes including manufactured, and commercial and industrial buildings*

- All additions to existing buildings that increase physical dimensions of the building footprint, i.e. decks, patios and porches, interior square footage regardless of the size of the addition(* may also require sanitary system permit)
- Replacement of windows and doors where the size of the opening or structure of the building is changed
- All permanent swimming pools and hot tubs and related structures like decks*
- All interior remodeling of kitchens, bathrooms, rooms when structural changes made, and basement build outs (sanitary permit may be required if living space increased +25%)
- All electrical, mechanical, and plumbing modifications to an existing structure or property including rewiring and replumbing all or a portion of a building
- All mechanical system upgrades, i.e. upgrading HVAC to geothermal or solar*
- All electrical system upgrades, i.e. standby generators, 100 to 200 amp service upgrades, solar*
- Natural gas, fuel oil, or propane fuel service hookups and switch overs
- Fireplace additions including switch overs of existing fireplaces i.e. wood to gas
- Exterior wood or pellet burning furnaces or interior pellet stoves*
- All razing of structures including barns, houses, ag buildings
- All residential, commercial, and industrial communication towers - freestanding or attached to other structures*

Building Permit is Not Required

- Replacement in kind of any mechanical systems such as furnaces, central air conditioners, water heaters, or other mechanical equipment not requiring structural changes to the building
- Replacement in kind of exterior building materials including roofing, siding, windows and doors if sizes of window and door openings remain the same and existing structure is not modified
- Replacing asphalt shingles with a metal roof does not require a building permit
- Replacement in kind of electrical equipment such as switches, lighting fixtures, outlets
- Replacement in kind of plumbing equipment such as toilets, sinks, faucets, well and sump pumps

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- All landscaping including plantings, fences or similar structures, and exterior hardscapes including freestanding patios and concrete slabs (* and local fencing rules may apply)
- All buildings or structures owned by the Town, County, or State*
- Any flooring replacement, decorating, and finishing of interior surfaces
- Ponds or water structures not requiring electrical service*
- Driveway improvements such as paving with asphalt or concrete (* if in shoreline area a land use permit may be required)
- A single free standing structures per lot of 100 square feet or less not requiring electrical, energy, or plumbing service*. Multiple structures per lot may require a building permit.
- New or replaced septic systems or wells (* requires a County sanitary permit or WDNR well permit)

1.) Items with an asterisk may also require a land use permit. It is important to contact the Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Office (715-258-6255) before starting any project to determine if a land use permit is required.

2.) Any addition to living space on an existing home may require a sanitary permit. Contact Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Office before starting expansion projects. (715-258-6255).

3.) "Replacement In Kind " means the replacement of existing components of any structure where the new replacement materials and equipment are of the same design. working mechanism, materials, and fuel type as those being replaced, I.e. natural gas furnace with another natural gas furnace.

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