

Typical Residential Projects

Permits and Plan Review Requirements

	Permit Required	Plans Required	Available Online To Contractors Only
Install Flooring (carpet, hardwood, vinyl, etc.)	NO	NO	N/A
Painting (interior or exterior*)	NO*	NO	N/A
Install Cabinets or Counter Tops	NO	NO	N/A
Replace an Overhead Garage Door	NO*	NO	N/A
Install a Patio	NO*	NO	N/A
Pergola with Open Roof not attached to a dwelling	NO*	NO	N/A
Modify or Update Electrical Box	YES	NO	YES
Replace a Furnace or AC Unit	YES	NO	YES
Replace a Hot Water Tank	YES	NO	YES
Replace an Exterior Door	YES	NO	YES
Replace Exterior Siding	YES	NO	YES
Replace Roof	YES	NO	YES
Replace Windows	YES	NO	YES
Kitchen or Bath Remodel	YES	YES	NO
Drywall Replacement of More Than 32 Square Feet	YES	YES	NO
Finish a Basement or Attic	YES	YES	NO
Room Addition	YES	YES	NO
Create a New Window Opening	YES	YES	NO
Build a Deck	YES	YES	NO
Build a Porch	YES	YES	NO
Install or Replace a Swimming Pool or Hot Tub	YES	YES	NO
Build a Garage	YES	YES	NO
Demolish a Building	YES	YES	NO
Build a Fence			
6 Feet Tall or Less	NO*	NO	N/A
Greater Than 6 Feet Tall	YES	YES**	NO
Build a Shed			
Less Than 200 Square Feet	NO*	NO	N/A
200 Square Feet or Larger	YES	YES	NO
Build a Retaining Wall			
4 Feet High or Less, from bottom of footer	NO*	NO	N/A
Greater Than 4 Feet High from bottom of footer	YES	YES**	NO

*Some zoning districts place limitations on site modifications. For questions, please contact zoninginfo@columbus.gov or call 614-645-8637.

**Plans Must Be Sealed By An Architect or Engineer

If your project is located in a special zoning district, area commission, or historic district (e.g. University Overlay, East Franklinton District, German Village, etc.), additional approvals may be required prior to beginning work. To determine if your property is within one of these areas, go to our zoning map at gis.columbus.gov/zoning/.

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For more information, answers to questions, or to apply for permits, please visit our office at:

111 N. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Or visit us online at www.columbus.gov/bzs

We are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

We can also be reached by phone or e-mail at:

Building and Zoning Services 614-645-7433

Building Section (plans examiners) 614-645-7562 BuildingPlanReviewInfo@columbus.gov

Zoning Section 614-645-8637 ZoningInfo@columbus.gov

Citizen Access Portal

www.columbus.gov/ca

Services available through our Citizen Access Portal include:

- Purchase and request an inspection
- Search and track permits or a zoning, building or engineering application
- Search for a licensed contractor
- Registered and licensed contractors can apply and pay for the following permit types:
 - o Mechanical, Electric, and Plumbing
 - o Roof, Siding, Window, and Door to existing 1, 2, or 3 family homes