

Planning a Home Improvement Project?

If a home improvement project is on the horizon, whether it's a kitchen or bath remodel, new windows, a roof or driveway, it is the Long Grove homeowner's responsibility to determine if a permit is required before any work begins.

Permits are required for most building projects to ensure they are built in accordance with the Village's currently adopted building and zoning codes. This applies to both residential and commercial construction. Aside from reviewing structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing plans, the permit approval process may also include plan examination by a local fire department for fire prevention and life-safety standards, depending on the type of project that is being permitted.

The permitting process includes a review of the plans to ensure code and ordinance compliance, as well as professional inspections conducted by qualified inspectors throughout the various stages of construction. These inspections help ensure the worksite is safe, that work is done to industry-accepted standards, and the project is built according to the approved specifications.

Inspections by qualified inspectors will also help the property owner know that the work is being done correctly to reduce issues later.

Although anyone — a contractor, homeowner, business owner — may apply for a permit, it is ultimately the property owner's responsibility to make certain that a building permit has been secured and the permit card is properly posted before work begins.

To determine if an improvement project requires a permit, please visit the Village's website at longgroveil.gov, and select the 'Building' tab located in the navigation bar across the top. There you will find a list of common projects that require a building permit. If the project is not listed, please call Village Hall at **847-634-9440**.