

Do I Need a Permit?

Not all work on your home requires a permit. Work considered “maintenance”, like painting, replacing flooring, changing a toilet or sink (as long as the plumbing connections remain the same), wouldn’t require a permit.

Below is a partial list of projects that may or may not require a building permit from the city.

PROJECT TYPE	PERMIT REQUIRED?
ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units)	YES
AIR CONDITIONER AND HEATING, INCLUDING FURNACE REPLACEMENT (New or replacement)	YES
APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT (Hard-wired)	YES
APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT (Plug-in; no new wiring)	NO
ATTIC FAN / WHOLE-HOUSE FAN (Electric)	YES
CARPORT	YES
DECKS (less than 200 SF, less than 30 inches above grade, not attached to home, not serving exit door)	NO
DETACHED GARAGES	YES
ELECTRICAL PANELS, REPAIRS, CIRCUITS, ETC.	YES
FENCES	NO , if under 7' high
FLOOR COVERINGS (linoleum, tile, wood flooring, carpet)	NO
GARAGE CONVERSION	YES
HOUSE, KITCHEN OR BATH REMODELING	YES
LANDSCAPING/DRAINAGE	NO
NEW GAS LINES	YES
OUTDOOR KITCHEN, BARBEQUES, FIREPLACES (fixed or permanent construction, gas or electric)	YES

PROJECT TYPE	PERMIT REQUIRED?
PAINTING (interior and exterior)	NO
PATIO COVER, SHADE STRUCTURES, TRELIS, SHEDS	NO , if they do not exceed 120 SF in floor area for walled structures, roof area for open structures
RE-ROOF	YES
ROOF REPAIRS	NO , less than 10%, or 1,000 SF whichever is less
SEWER LINES (New, replacement or repair)	YES
SHOWER REPLACEMENT	YES
STUCCO PATCHING (Small holes and cracks)	NO
SOLAR PANELS	YES
SPA (Portable) REPLACEMENT; NO NEW WIRING	NO
ELECTRICAL FOR PORTABLE SPA	YES
SWIMMING POOL (Above ground)	NO , if less than 24" deep, does not exceed 5,000 gallons, and are entirely above ground.
SWIMMING POOL (Inflatable, no electrical needed)	NO
TOILET, SINK REPLACEMENTS (no new or relocated plumbing)	NO
WATER HEATER	YES

Please contact the Rancho Cordova Building & Safety Division Permit Services Section at 916.851.8760 or PermitServices@CityofRanchoCordova.org for more information.