



TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH BUILDING DEPARTMENT

When is a Building Permit Required?

A building permit is required if you are:

- Construction of a new building
- Renovation, repair or addition to a building including:
 - *finishing a basement*
 - *replacement of brick veneer*
 - *dormers or finishing of attic space*
 - *additions to existing buildings*
 - *insulating of exterior walls when exterior or interior cladding is removed*
- Demolishing a building
- Change a building's use (commercial, industrial & institutional) and includes home occupations
- Install, change or remove partitions and load-bearing walls
- Adding or removing most walls (i.e. creating different room sizes and/or uses)
- Installation of new or completion of structural alterations to windows or doors
- Building a garage, balcony or deck (including attached or detached garages and sheds, carports, porches, sunrooms, and solariums)
- Excavation of a basement or construction of a foundation
- Installation or modification of fireplaces including:
 - *new fireplaces*
 - *completion of roughed-in fireplaces*
 - *installation of wood-burning stoves*
 - *installation of cleanouts*
 - *reconstruction of a chimney*
 - *replacement of masonry chimney below roofline*
- Farm buildings and additions, silos, steel grain bins, manure storage (liquid or dry)
- Swimming pool (above and in-ground)
- Wind turbines
- Septic Systems and Plumbing (Contact Huron County Health Unit)

A building permit is not required for:

- Replace existing same sized doors and windows
- Installing siding
- Construct a utility shed under 107 square feet (See noted asterisk above)
- Erect a fence (except for swimming pools, also must meet zoning provisions)
- Re-shingle a roof with no structural work
- Installing eaves trough, provided the drainage is on your land
- Painting or decorating
- Kitchen or bathroom cabinets
- Demolition of a farm building