

TOWN OF COCHRANE

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Permit and Inspection Information

Permits **ARE** required for the following:

- New House
- New Commercial building
- Addition to an existing house
- Addition to an existing commercial building
- Installing new cladding on existing commercial buildings
- Structural repairs to buildings
- Basement Developments
- Secondary Suites
- Roof over a deck
- Decks with the top of the floor at or above 600 mm (24") (measured from anywhere on the proposed deck to grade)
- Detached garages, sheds or accessory buildings 10 m² (107 sq. ft.) or greater in area
- Exterior renovations (e.g. adding new windows or doors in an exterior wall or foundation if the width is increased)
- Interior renovations other than basement developments (ex: moving kitchen ventilation, moving bearing walls, adding a new washroom or bedroom)
- Demolition (e.g. house, detached garage, commercial building etc.)
- Hot Tubs
- Stairs over 3 risers
- Retaining wall 1.2 m (4') or more in height (measured grade to grade)
- Moving/adding plumbing drains
- Adding/altering electrical circuits or wiring
- Adding/altering to existing gas lines
- Furnace replacement
- Hot water tank replacement (natural draft to direct vent)
- Hydronic heating installation
- Fire Alarm modifications or new installs
- Fire suppression installs
- Changes of use in commercial tenant bays
- Foundation repair/stabilization
- Interior renovations to commercial bays
- Major HVAC alterations
- New gas or solid fuel fired appliances

NOTE This is just an overview list, other projects that require permits may not be on this list

Permits are **NOT** required for the following:

- Fences (a Development permit is required if you plan to build a fence greater than 2m in height) See [Land Use Bylaw](#)
- Ground level landscaping (driveway replacement or walkway)
- Replacing roofing on a house or garage

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- Replacing the siding on a house or garage
- Privacy screens
- Pergolas (MUST NOT SUPPORT ANY SNOW LOADS (no solid roof) and NO ENCLOSED SIDES)
- Replacing kitchen cabinets or flooring
- Replacing plumbing fixtures
- Replacing electrical fixtures

Minimum Required Inspections (As per our QMP)

To ensure your project is in compliance with the Alberta Building Code and all other applicable codes and standards, **ALL** required inspections must be scheduled, completed and compliant. The owner is responsible to ensure the requirements of the permit and applicable codes are met.

To obtain a permit, you will need to fill out all required fields on the permit application and attach all required supporting documents. Information and application forms can be accessed on the Town's website.

****If you are unsure whether a permit is required, please contact 403-851-2572 or email safety.codes@cochrane.ca and a staff member will be able to answer any questions you have****