

# Residential Construction FAQ

## 1. Do I need a permit for home improvement or repairs?

- Yes, a permit is required for most construction, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work. Common projects that need permits include room additions, new roofs, fencing, and water heater replacements.

***If you have any questions on whether your project requires permits please contact us!***

## 2. How do I apply for a residential permit?

- You can apply through the **City of Douglas Development Services Portal**. Visit City Hall or call (520) 417-3729 for assistance. Applications must include plans, scope of work, and contractor information.

## 3. How long does it take to get a permit?

- Review times vary by project scope. Most residential permits are processed within **5 to 10 business days**, depending on the complete application. Incomplete applications or plans may result in longer waiting times.

## 4. Do I need a permit for a storage shed or patio cover?

- Yes, if the **shed is over 120 square feet** or if the **patio cover is attached** to your house or exceeds certain size thresholds. Please contact Development Services for details.

## 5. Can I do the work myself, or do I need a licensed contractor?

- Property owners may perform work on their own residence if they **occupy the home**. However, **licensed contractors** are recommended for safety and code compliance.

If the home is or is being planned to rent or sell, then a license contact will be needed for any non-cosmetic work.

## 6. Is an inspection required after I get the permit?

- Yes. Inspections ensure work is done safely and up to code. You must schedule inspections at key stages of the project. Call (520) 417-3729 to schedule.

