

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.

