



DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

[A] 105.1 Required. Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any impact-resistant coverings, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

[A] 105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction, to include work in any special flood hazard area. Exemptions granted under this section do not relieve the owner or contractor from their duty to comply with applicable provisions of the Florida Building Code, and requirements of the local floodplain management ordinance.

Permits shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. Fences not over 7 feet (1829 mm) high. All walls require a permit.
2. Oil derricks.
3. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
4. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinet-refacing, counter tops and similar finish work within single or two-family dwellings or *townhouses*.
5. Painting, papering, carpeting, & cabinet refacing in other than single or two-family dwellings or *townhouses*.
(Condos)
6. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
8. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
9. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
10. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support, of Groups R-3 and U occupancies.
11. Non fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.

[A] TOWNHOUSE. A single-family *dwelling unit* not exceeding three stories in height constructed in a group of two or more attached units with property lines separating such units in which each unit extends from the foundation to roof and with a yard or public way on not less than two sides.