



Do I Need a Permit?

The City of Murrieta Building and Safety Department receives numerous inquiries daily regarding the need for permits. We have found that many residents and business owners are unaware that building permits are required for most construction projects, such as, alterations, enlarging, additions, moving, removing, repairing, demolishing, or conversion of any building or structure. In addition, separate permits for plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work are often necessary.

Permits are required for:

- Re-roofing
- Any electrical work
- Installing or replacing water heaters
- Replacing heater and/or air conditioner units
- Footings
- Outdoor lighting (except low voltage)

Permits are not required for:

- Retaining or garden walls less than four feet high measured from bottom of footing, which doesn't have a surcharge or affect drainage onto or off of property
- One story detached accessory building such as a storage shed or play house with a floor area not exceeding 120 square feet
- Wood, wrought iron or chain link fences less than six feet in height and meeting zoning requirements
- Painting, papering, flooring or other finishing work
- Moveable cases, counters, and partitions not over five feet nine inches in height

If you have questions regarding permits and requirements, stop by the Building and Safety Department counter from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. City Hall is closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Staff is also available for telephone assistance at (951) 304-CITY (2489) during normal business hours.

Visit the City's website for more helpful information at www.murrieta.org.