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# Getting a Building Permit

If you are considering making property improvements or if you are concerned about construction activity in your neighborhood, we recommend that you contact our Building and Safety Division staff, at the City of Redondo Beach at (310) 318-0636, to determine the codes and other requirements that may apply.

## Why get a permit?

There are several reasons for obtaining a building permit for construction work. Primarily, getting a permit brings you the services of the plan review engineer and the building inspector. The plan review engineer reviews your plans for correct and complete information. The inspector approves each phase to see that work is done safely and properly and according to the approved plans and codes.

Work without required permits is illegal and can pose serious complications for you when you try to sell your property or apply for refinancing. You may invalidate fire and homeowner's insurance policies if you do work without a permit.

## When are permits needed?

Most residential, commercial, and industrial construction work on private property, whether new, added, remodeled, or altered needs building plans and permits. Permits must be obtained prior to the start of any work.

## Who can pull permits?

- Properly licensed state contractors can pull permits, provided they have a valid State Contractors License and a current Redondo Beach City Business License.
- Any owner of a residential or commercial property on which the project is proposed can pull permits, provided they sign the declaration on the permit, which states the owner is doing their own work or will contract with only licensed contractors.

## How long are permits valid?

Work must begin within six months of the date the permit was issued. If work has not started after six months, or if work is suspended for more than six months, the permit will expire and new fees will be assessed. All permits have a limitation of two years, after that time period they become null and void. If work is not completed, a new permit must be requested and new fees will be charged.

## When can I begin the work?

Work can only begin once a permit is issued. By city ordinance, all construction activity is restricted to the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. No construction activity is permitted on Sundays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

## When should I call for an inspection?

An inspection should not be requested unless all work to be inspected is completed. If the inspector is called to inspect incomplete work, the job is subject to an additional re-inspection fee.

To arrange an inspection, call (310) 318-0607 for the city's 24-hour a day, seven days a week inspection request line. For requests placed before 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, most inspections can be made the following working day. (City Hall is closed on alternate Fridays.)

The Building & Safety Division staff is available to answer your questions and assist you through the building permit process. For more information on obtaining a building permit, check out the city's Web site at [www.redondo.org](http://www.redondo.org), or call the Building & Safety Division at (310) 318-0636.



# Work Exempt from Permit

## SECTION 106 - PERMITS

**106.1 Permits Required.** Except as specified in Section 106.2, no building or structure regulated by this code shall be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, improved, removed, converted or demolished unless a separate permit for each building or structure has first been obtained from the building official.

**106.2 Work Exempt from Permit.** A building permit shall not be required for the following:

1. One-story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m<sup>2</sup>).
2. Wood fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high or block wall not over 5 feet.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) high.
5. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids.
6. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
7. Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade and not over any basement or story below.
8. Painting, papering and similar finish work.
9. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
10. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R, Division 3, and Group U Occupancies when projecting not more than 54 inches (1372 mm).
11. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L).

Unless otherwise exempted, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required for the above-exempted items.

Exemption from the 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.