

PROJECTS FOR WHICH A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED

Note: Norvell Township enforces the Current State of Michigan Building, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, as well as the current National Electrical Code.

Per Code Section R105.1: “Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the codes listed above, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.”

The following permits must be applied for by a licensed Contractor:

1. Boiler
2. HVAC units described
3. LP Tanks over 500 lbs.

Building permits shall not be required for any of the following:

1. One-story detached accessory structures if the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m²)
2. A fence that is not more than 6 feet (1829 mm) in height.
3. A retaining wall that is not more than 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or being built on a slope of 25% or greater.
4. A water tank supported directly upon grade if the capacity is not more than 5,000 gallons (18927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2 to 1.
5. A sidewalk or driveway that is not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and is not over any basement or story below.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work.
7. A prefabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a 1- or 2-family dwelling.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. A roof that is under 300 square feet.
11. Residing a house with other than brick or stone material.

Electrical permits shall not be required, as in accordance with the Michigan electrical code, R 408.30801 to R 408.30880, for any of the following:

1. Repairs and Maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
2. Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of the code do not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions, but do apply to equipment and wiring for power supply and to the installation of towers and antennas.
3. Temporary testing systems: A permit is not required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Mechanical permits shall not be required for any of the following:

1. A portable heating or gas appliance that has inputs of less than 30,000 Btu's per hour.
2. Portable ventilation appliances and equipment.
3. A portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot water, or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment or appliances regulated by this code.
5. The replacement of any minor part that does not alter the approval of equipment or an appliance or make such equipment or appliance unsafe.
6. A portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems that contain 10 pounds (4.5 kg) or less of refrigerant, or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (0.75kw) or less.
8. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
9. A boiler or pressure vessel for which a permit is required by sections 17 and 18 of 1965 PA 290, MCL 408.767.and 408.768.
10. An oil burner that does not require connection to a flue, such as an oil stove and a heater equipped with a wick.
11. A portable gas burner that has inputs of less than 30,000 Btu's per hour.
12. When changing or relocating a gas meter or regulator, a permit is not required when installing gas piping which shall be limited to 10 feet (3 005 mm) in length and not more than 6 fittings.

Plumbing permits shall not be required for any of the following:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, then the work is considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in the code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, if the repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures.

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In addition to all permits, Zoning Compliance is required for the following improvements:

1. Accessory buildings 200 square feet or less.
2. Any fence.
3. Any patio, driveway, sidewalk.
4. Agricultural Use

Notes:

1. Any improvements other than those listed above, require a Permit or Zoning Compliance Permit, or a fine in the amount of \$120 plus the cost of the permit may be required.
2. Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.

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