

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

When are permits required for home improvements?

Permits are required for:

All structural interior and exterior changes (i.e. additions, basement finishes, sheds, decks, fences, chimneys, pools, roof dormers, window enlargements, concrete patios, garage conversions to living space, wood stoves, gas fireplaces, paver brick or slate patios set in sand).

Building permits are not required for:

Re-roofing existing roofs, no structural changes

Exterior siding and/or window replacement when items are replaced in kind.

When do we need permits?

There are two main reasons to require permits. First and foremost is to ensure a safe structure. Your building plans are reviewed by certified inspectors knowledgeable in building, plumbing, fire and mechanical codes. They also inspect your project at several points along the road to completion. This ensures that your structure meets the UCC, BOCA building & NFPA Fire codes adopted by the Township.

Secondly, with homes occupying smaller lots these days, we have set standards to keep us from encroaching on our neighbor's properties. With your zoning review, you are meeting those requirements for setbacks, or distances from your boundary lines. We also make sure that your project doesn't obstruct the flow of storm water; encroach on any township right-of-way, deed restricted or dedicated open spaces; or obstruct the view of traffic along our roadways.

Permit fees are based on the Township's Fee Schedule.

We require contractors to register with the Township Administrative office and supply Upper Nazareth Township with a current certificate of insurance.

Should you have any questions about permits, please call:

Municipal Building at 610-759-5341 and ask for zoning officer.