

## **PROJECTS NOT REQUIRING BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL OR PLUMBING PERMITS**

1. Projects Not Requiring Building Permits (per 2003 Michigan Residential Code):
  - a. One story detached accessory structures, if the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m<sup>2</sup>). **However, a zoning permit is required for this type of project.**
  - b. A fence that is not more than 6 feet (1829 mm) high. **However, a zoning permit is required for this type of project.**
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. A sidewalk or driveway that is not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and is not over an basement or story below.
  - f. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work.
  - g. A prefabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
  - h. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one- or two-family dwelling.
  - i. 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.
2. Permits Not Requiring Electrical Permits:
  - a. Minor repairs and maintenance on projects such as the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved, permanently installed receptacles.
3. Permits Not Requiring Mechanical Permits:
  - a. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
  - b. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make equipment unsafe.

- c. A portable heating appliance.
- d. A portable ventilation appliance.
- e. A portable cooling unit.
- f. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by the Michigan Residential Code.
- g. A portable evaporative cooler.
- h. A self-contained portable refrigeration unit that is not more than 1.5 horsepower (1119 W).
- i. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
- j. Gas piping limited to 10 feet (3048 mm) in length and not more than six (6) fittings.

4. Permits Are Not Required for these Plumbing Projects:

- a. Stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe. However, 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 new work and a permit must be obtained and inspection made as provided in the Michigan Residential Code.
- b. Clearing of stoppages or repairing leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures. Also, the removal and reinstallation of water closets does not require a permit as long as the repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.