



Allentown
City without limits.

When Residential Permits are NOT Required

- Installing metal, plastic or ceramic tiles.
- Plastering and plaster repairs.
- Painting or wall papering (interior and exterior).
- Installing or replacing of floor tiles, vinyl flooring or carpeting.
- Repairing exterior masonry walls, chimneys or brick pointing.
- Replacing existing plumbing fixtures, sinks, vanities, toilets, shower stalls and tubs that does not alter or change the existing water supply, waste or vent lines.
- Remodeling a kitchen where the sinks, cabinets and appliances are replaced in the same location.
- Replacing windows or doors that do not change the size of the opening.
- Replacing existing electrical fixtures, switches or outlets.
- Installing or rearranging communication wiring.
- Swings or playground equipment accessory to a one or two dwelling unit.
- Installing window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Installing concrete or paver patio without footings.
- Installing storm windows or doors.
- Installing shelving or cabinets.
- Installing gutters or downspouts.
- Installing aluminum or vinyl siding onto an existing residential or an existing commercial building.
- Construction of a carport, greenhouse, shed or detached private garage less than 1,000 square feet and is accessory to a detached one-family dwelling.
- Installing or replacing a brick, paver or concrete sidewalk outside of the city right-of-way.
- Repairing or repaving a concrete or asphalt driveway, not a new driveway.
- Building an uncovered deck where the floor of the deck is no more than 30 inches above grade.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Installing fencing that is no more than 6 feet in height.
- Installing retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the lowest level of grade to the top of the wall unless the wall supports a surcharge.
- Roofing repairs.

If your property is in a Historic District, before any exterior work begins, including window replacement, contact the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) Secretary by calling 610-437-7613. You may be required to apply to HARB for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

If you have any questions, please call 610-437-7591, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.