



Town of Cortland
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The information below is not an all-inclusive list of when a permit is required or not required.

If you are in doubt, call 815-756-9041 or turn in an application with all the project details and the building department will determine if the project requires a permit. Work done without a permit will receive additional fees in accordance with Town Code.

Examples of when a permit is required:

- New construction of residential or non-residential buildings
- Additions
- Enclosed patios or three-season porches
- Gazebos
- Pergolas
- Roofs
- Decks
- Garages
- Sheds
- Fences
- Swimming pools (more than 2' deep)
- Replacement windows and doors
- Basement remodel/renovation
- Electrical, mechanical, or plumbing systems – changes or additions

Example of projects that do not require a permit:

- Painting
- Papering
- Tiling
- Carpet
- Cabinets
- Counter tops
- Repairing drywall
- Other cosmetic projects