

**City of La Puente
Building and Safety Division**

When are building permits required?

The following types of projects require permits including, but not limited to:

- **All New Building or Additions to Existing Buildings**
 - Remodeling and/or changing the existing floor plan or changing any roof design
 - Re-roofing of all buildings including dwellings, garages and patio covers
 - Patios and porches - Open and enclosed
 - Storage sheds or playhouses exceeding 120 square feet in floor area
 - Garage Conversions(Replacement covered parking must be provided)
 - Demolition of un-permitted structures/additions
 - Swimming pools in excess of 5,000 gallons above or below ground
 - Retaining walls over 4 feet in height and/or holding a surcharge of soil
 - Window and exterior door replacement
 - New exterior and/or interior wall/ceiling coverings such as stucco, siding or drywall
 - New fireplaces
 - Commercial/Industrial tenant improvements
 - Fire alarm and suppression systems

- **Electrical Permits**
 - Upgrading/changing or adding any electric service panel board
 - Replacing or adding branch circuits from any main or sub panel board
 - Adding any new wiring to existing branch circuits
 - Replacing or installing new any electrical equipment such as motors, signs, neon tubing, air conditioners, etc.
 - New wiring for room additions, garages, carports, sheds and patios
 - Low voltage (24V) or greater security alarm/monitoring systems

- **Plumbing/Sewer Permits**
 - Replacing water heaters/boilers
 - Lawn sprinklers/irrigation systems
 - Replacing water distribution piping such as copper, etc.
 - Replacing house waste/venting systems
 - Replacing or adding new fixtures such as sinks, toilets, bathtubs, showers, and dishwashers
 - Adding new laundry utility hookups for washers and dryers
 - Replacing water main supply lines from the meter to the entry of the dwelling or structure
 - Replacing or adding new gas lines
 - Replacing or adding new sewer lines and or backfilling/abandoning septic tanks or cesspools

- **Mechanical Permits**

- Replacing or adding new wall furnaces, forced air units (FAU), and any other fixed heating appliances
- Replacing or adding new air conditioners and/or condensing compressor units for cooling air and evaporative coolers (swamp Coolers)
- Replacing or adding new supply/ return ducts and air outlets/inlets
- Replacing or adding new absorption units such as walk-in coolers/refrigeration units
- Replacing or adding new exhaust systems such as range hood assemblies and clothes dryers for gas fired appliances
- Dust product conveying systems in industrial uses
- Replacing or adding new ventilation equipment for fresh air systems