

Do You Need a Permit?

Construction of new buildings/structures, remodeling and manufactured building placement or relocation require a building permit unless exempt in below list of common projects. Please note that this list only provides some general examples and that a permit may still be required based on specifics of a given project. Examples of special cases would include compliance with the Native Plant Preservation Ordinance (NPPO) and the Buffer Overlay Zone Ordinance (BOZO). Information about NPPO can be found at http://www.pimaxpress.com/FAQs/NPPO_FAQ.htm. Information about BOZO can be found at http://www.pimaxpress.com/FAQs/BOZO_FAQ.htm. This list is not applicable if your project is located in a Floodplain. The determination of whether or not your property is in the Floodplain is made by the Regional Flood Control District. Information on this topic can be found at <http://buzz.dot.pima.gov/rfcdapps/parcelsearch/> or (520) 243-1800.

	WORK/STRUCTURE	PERMIT REQUIRED?
1.	A/C unit—non portable	YES
2.	Agricultural buildings	YES
3.	Amusement devices or structures located on a site for no more than 30 calendar days.	YES
4.	Any work accomplished under the auspices of and owned and controlled by the United States of America or the State of Arizona.	YES
5.	Addition of attic insulation without remodeling a space.	NO
6.	Carpet, new	NO
7.	Clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets	NO, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.
8.	Deck (greater than 30 inches above finish grade or floor level)	YES
9.	Decks and non-structural flatwork not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route	NO
10.	Decorative holiday lighting, temporary	NO
11.	Demolition of building or structure	YES
12.	Devices used in manufacturing, processing, or fabricating normally considered as involved in industrial plants	NO, but permit for building and use must be approved.
13.	Dishwasher, new	YES
14.	Door, replacement	NO
15.	Driveway	YES
16.	Drywall (unless shear or fire walls are affected)	NO
17.	Electric outlets or fixtures installation, new	YES
18.	Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 volt-amps of energy	NO
19.	Electric reconnect of services disconnected longer than 6 months.	YES

20.	Fireplace, new	YES
21.	Fixtures including sinks, toilets, tubs, etc.	YES
22.	Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.	NO
23.	Oil derricks	YES
24.	Painting, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, etc.	NO
25.	Pipe work, new	YES
26.	Portable cooling unit	NO
27.	Portable evaporative cooler	NO
28.	Portable heating appliance	NO
29.	Portable ventilation equipment	NO
30.	Propane tank	YES
31.	Public Right-of-Way work	YES
32.	Remodel improvement	YES
33.	Repair or replacement of current-carrying parts of any switch, contactor, control device, or overcurrent device of the required capacity in the same location.	NO
34.	Repair or replacement of fixed motors and transformers of the same type and rating in the same location.	NO
35.	Replace existing electric outlets or fixtures	YES
36.	Replace existing evaporative cooler with like cooler	NO
37.	Replace/new gutter	NO
38.	Roof work	YES
39.	Screening in of porches	YES
40.	Septic only	YES
41.	Sewer connections	YES
42.	Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.	YES
43.	Siding work, new	YES
44.	Signs	YES
45.	Skylight	YES
46.	Slabs on approved graded site	NO
47.	Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment.	NO
48.	Stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe	NO, unless any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and permits and inspections are required.
49.	Swimming pools (including residential prefabricated that are minimum 18 inches deep, exceed 5,000 gallons and are installed entirely above ground).	YES
50.	Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings	NO
51.	Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.	YES
52.	Tents or membrane structures	YES
53.	Non-retaining walls/fences of maximum 4 feet in height	NO
54.	Water heater new or replacement	YES

55.	Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1	NO, so long as zoning maximum height and setbacks within the zone are respected.
56.	Window replacements	YES
57.	Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3 and U occupancies.	NO
58.	Wood burning stove	YES

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