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BUILDING PERMITS

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Permitting Requirements

A County permit is required for certain building, placement, or improvements made to a property within Sussex County. Additional permits may be necessary for properties inside the boundaries of a municipality. If your building, improvement, or placement project is located inside of a town or city in Sussex County, please be sure to contact them for local requirements.

The following all require a permit from Sussex County:

Single and Multi-Family Dwellings

Manufactured Homes

Commercial Construction

- New or Replacement

Accessory Structures

Additions & Renovations Accessory Structures

- Sheds – Pre-built & Site Built
- Gazebos & Pergolas
- Carports
- Playhouses
- Detached Structures (Garages & Pole Buildings)
- Agricultural Buildings
- Greenhouses
- Pools-Inground/Aboveground
- Solar Panel Installations (ground and structure mounted)
- Retaining Walls

- Additions
- Wood Decks, Porches, Sunrooms
- Fireplaces (Masonry or Factory Built)
- Siding
- Roofing*
- Interior/Exterior Renovations
- Finished Bonus Room
- Finished Basements
- Patios – Concrete/Brick/Paver
- Fences
- Boat Dock, Pier, Bulkhead, Rip-rap

* Roofing includes structural sheathing or change in material such as shingle to metal.

Additionally, please see below list of projects that do not require a permit through Sussex County.

- HVAC (If replacing existing. A permit is required for new installation or additional units.)
- Replacing flooring
- Painting
- Replacement of existing interior or exterior doors, or (2) or less existing windows
- Sidewalks and Driveways
- Electrical and Plumbing
- Crawl Space Encapsulation

For more information, contact the Sussex County Building Permit Section at (302) 855-7720

