

## When do I need a building permit in Illinois?

Building permits are issued on the local level in Illinois and therefore when you need a permit will depend on your city's local regulations. If your city has zoning they are required to do permitting. If they issue permits they must issue those permits according to state laws and regulations.

In Mount Carmel generally all projects that involve construction **will require** a building permit. The installation of mechanical, electrical, or putting up a fence will also require a building permit.

Installing replacement windows with the same size, cabinet installation, putting vinyl siding, finishing work such as painting, wallpapering, paneling, trim work, and tiling, will not require a building permit.

Mount Carmel requires all permits to be obtained by the contractor performing the work. Home owners should make sure the proper permits have been obtained by their contractor.

Contractors are required to obtain contractors registration from The City of Mount Carmel whether or not a building permit is required for work performed. [Contractor Registration Form](#)

To avoid fines and penalties, it is best to check with your local Building Department before starting any project that may need a permit. In Mount Carmel you can call the City Inspector at 618-262-4822.

### How do I obtain a building permit in Mount Carmel?

To get a building permit for your project in Mount Carmel you will first need to determine what permits you need. There are several different types of permits and approvals that may be required for a single project. These include roofing permits, electrical permits, zoning use permits, HVAC permits, new construction or addition permits, and demolish permits, among others.

Once you know what permits you need and get any required pre-approvals, you will need to fill out a [building permit application](#) and submit it to your local city Building Department along with the permit fee and drawn schematics of the project. The application and plans will be reviewed and either approved or returned to you for modification. Many of these applications forms and information on requirements for common building projects available on our website.

<http://cityofmtcarmel.com/forms.html>

### Do I need a permit in Illinois if I am working on my own house?

Generally if the project is the type that would require a permit for someone else to complete the work, then you must get a permit for the project even if you are doing the work yourself and it is your house. Ordinary repairs are normally exempted from permit requirements, but any major project like interior or exterior remodeling, building an extension or a deck, installing a swimming pool, and construction of sheds or detached garages over a certain size do require permits and are usually subject to city inspection.

**How much do building permits cost?**

Permit fees takes into account the type, size, and scope of your construction project the square footage, the estimated cost of electrical, and mechanical. While roofing permits are \$15.00, the minimum permit fees for all other projects are \$25.00. Your permit fee will be determined at the time of plan review and you will be required to pay the permit fee at the time of permit pick up.