

## When is a permit required?

An ordinary repair does not require a permit.

The following are not ordinary repairs:

- (1) Cutting away a wall, partition or portion of a wall.
- (2) The removal or cutting of any structural beam or load-bearing support.
- (3) The removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements.
- (4) The addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical.
  - (a) A permit is not required for the installation, alteration or repair of generation, transmission, distribution, metering or other related equipment that is, by established right, under the ownership and control of a public utility as the term "public utility" is defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to the definitions).

The following list of residential work is considered ordinary repairs and that does not require a permit from Kennett Township.

### I. Building Construction:

- Exterior or interior painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, flooring, cabinets, counter tops and similar finishing work.

The term does not include swimming pools or spas except as excluded below

- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one-or two-family dwelling.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Replacement of glass in any window or door. The replacement glass shall comply with the minimum requirements of the "International Residential Code."
- Installation and replacement of a window, door, garage door, storm window and storm door in the same opening if the dimensions or framing of the original opening are not altered. The installation of means of egress and emergency escape windows may be made in the same opening, without altering the dimensions or framing of the original opening if the required height, width or net clear opening of the previous window or door assembly is not reduced.
- Replacement of existing siding.
- Repair or replacement of any part of a porch or stoop which does not structurally support a roof located above the porch or stoop. (Enlargement of existing porch or stoop requires a Zoning Permit)
- Installation of additional roll or batt insulation.
- Replacement of exterior rainwater gutters and leaders.

The following building construction require a Zoning Permit

- Installation of an uncovered deck where the floor of the deck is no more than 30 inches above grade.
- Any agricultural building.
- Utility and miscellaneous use structures that are accessory to detached one-family dwellings having a building area less than 500 square feet. The term includes:
  1. Carports
  2. Detached private garages
  3. Greenhouses
  4. Sheds

## **II. Minor electrical work for the following:**

- Replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
- Replacement of a receptacle, switch or lighting fixture rated at 20 amps or less and operating at less than 150 volts to ground with a like or similar item. This does not include replacement of receptacles in locations where ground-fault circuit interrupter protection is required.
- Replacement of installed electrically operated equipment such as doorbells, communication systems and any motor operated device.
- Installation, alteration or rearrangement of communications wiring.
- Replacement of dishwashers.
- Replacement of kitchen range hoods.
- Installation of battery-powered smoke detectors.

## **III. The following gas work:**

- Portable heating, cooking or portable clothes drying appliances.
- Replacement of a minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make this equipment unsafe.
- A portable fuel cell appliance that is not connected to a fixed piping system and is not interconnected to a power grid.

## **IV. The following mechanical work or equipment:**

- A portable heating appliance.
- Portable ventilation appliances.
- A portable cooling unit.
- Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment governed under the Uniform Construction Code.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make the equipment unsafe.
- Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are put into action by motors 1horsepower.
- Portable evaporative cooler.
- A portable fuel cell appliance that is not connected to a fixed piping system and is not interconnected to a power grid.

## **V. The following plumbing work:**

- Replacement of bib valves if the replacement hose bib valves are provided with an approved atmospheric vacuum breaker.
- Refinishing of existing fixtures.
- Replacement of ball cocks.
- Repair of leaks.
- Clearance of stoppages.
- Replacement of faucets or working parts of faucets.
- Replacement of traps.
- Replacement of a water closet, lavatory or kitchen sink in an existing location.
- Replacement of domestic clothes washers and dishwashers.

## **VI. The following heating, ventilation and air conditioning work:**

- Replacement of motors, pumps and fans of the same capacity.
- Repair and replacement of heating, supply and return piping and radiation elements, which do not require rearrangement of the piping system.
- Repair and replacement of ductwork.
- Repair and replacement of control devices for heating and air conditioning equipment.
- Replacement of kitchen range hoods with same capacity hood.
- Replacement of clothes dryers if there is no change in fuel type, location or electrical requirements.
- Replacement of stoves and ovens if there is no change in fuel type, location or electrical characteristics.

**Any work not listed above requires the appropriate permit from Kennett Township**