



## When is a permit required?

### KENNETT TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

- ✓ Accessibility features such as ramps, lifts, or elevators
- ✓ Additions to the building such as porches, sunrooms, garages
  - ✓ Accessory structures such as sheds, garages, greenhouses
- ✓ Air Conditioning- upgrading, adding, or changing air conditioning system including mini-splits (window units excluded)
- ✓ Basement- finishing or remodeling/adding drywall over unfinished surfaces-all finished basements require at least one means of egress to exterior
  - ✓ Bathrooms- moving or adding fixtures or plumbing
- ✓ Change of use in a structure such as adding an in-law suite or master bedroom
  - ✓ Chimneys, Fireplaces, Fireplace inserts, Woodstoves
- ✓ Decks, deck replacement, re-decking, changing a deck to a closed in or screened porch, adding steps to a deck or a hot tub on a deck
  - ✓ Demolition
- ✓ Doors- if existing opening is enlarged or adding doors such as sliding glass doors, bilco doors for basements, French doors where there was no opening beforehand
  - ✓ Driveways- if not existing and if enlarging any driveway
- ✓ Earth Moving involving the disturbance of 5000 square feet or more or 100 cubic yards
- ✓ Electrical work involving new wiring, new circuits, new panels, upgrading or adding electric, adding light fixtures
  - ✓ Elevator additions (residential or commercial)
  - ✓ Egress- changing any egress or means of egress
    - ✓ Fire suppression or fire sprinkler systems
- ✓ Gas barbecues-permanently installed (outdoor kitchens)
  - ✓ Hot tub or Spa
- ✓ Heating- replacing systems or changing fuel (oil to gas)
  - ✓ Hot tubs
- ✓ HVAC systems such as new heat pumps, furnaces, boilers, oil burners, AC units, mini-split AC/heating units (window units excluded)

- ✓ Impervious coverage- tennis court, sport court, concrete pavers, brick patios
  - ✓ Lawn sprinklers requiring outside shut off
- ✓ Laundry- adding a new laundry room, or moving a laundry room
  - ✓ Plumbing- new supply, new drains, waste, or vent lines
  - ✓ Retaining Walls over 4 feet high
- ✓ Roofing- changing structure only, adding sun or sky lights, adding dormers. Not for re-shingle or re-roof
- ✓ Septic Systems (new, replacement or repair) through Chester County Health Dept.
  - ✓ Patios
  - ✓ Private/public sewer line-new, replacement or repair
- ✓ Porch- adding, replacing or repairs, adding stairs or a stoop
  - ✓ Stucco replacement and remediation
- ✓ Signs- wall mounted, freestanding, temporary signs, or banners
  - ✓ Structural beam replacement or reconfiguration
  - ✓ Solar panels or whole house solar systems
  - ✓ Spa or hot tub
  - ✓ Swimming Pools- in ground or above ground
- ✓ Tree removal (timber harvesting) removal of certain percentage of trees from property
- ✓ Walls- removal, replacement, or installation of any wall (load bearing or not)
  - ✓ Walkways (brick, concrete, or pavers)
- ✓ Wells (new or replacement) Permit issued by Chester County Health Dept.
  - ✓ Windows- if opening will be enlarged

**Please note: this list does not reflect every activity that requires a permit.**

**Please reach out to us with any questions @:  
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