

PROJECTS NOT REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT

BUILDING PROJECTS:	
Retaining wall not higher than 3 feet	Zoning permit only
Retaining wall higher than 3 feet	Zoning & Building permit
Shed not greater than 200 square feet	Zoning permit only
Shed greater than 200 square feet	Building & Zoning permits
Fences, other than swimming pool barriers, not over 7 feet	Zoning permit only
Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1	No permit
Sidewalks, driveways and on-grade concrete or masonry patios not more than 30 inches above the adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below	No permit
Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, countertops and similar finish work not involving structural changes or alterations	No permit
Prefabricated swimming pools that are equal to or less than 24 inches deep	No permit
Swings, uninhabitable tree houses and other playground equipment	No permit
Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and which do not require additional support	No permit
Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4	No permit
Roof repairs that are limited to 25 percent of the roof covering and building siding with one calendar year	No permit
ELECTRICAL PROJECTS:	
Listed cord and plug connected temporary decorative lighting	No permit
Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor	No permit
Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location	No permit
Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy (RESIDENTIAL ONLY)	No permit
Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps and fuses or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles	No permit
GAS PROJECTS:	
Portable heating or cooking appliances with a self-contained fuel supply	No permit
Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe	No permit
Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system & are not connected to a power grid	No permit
MECHANICAL PROJECTS:	
Portable heating appliances with self-contained fuel supply	No permit
Portable ventilation appliances	No permit
Portable cooling units	No permit
Steam, hot or chilled-water piping contained within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by Chapters 18-to 24, inclusive of this code	No permit
Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe	No permit
Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 H.P. or less	No permit
Portable fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid	No permit
PLUMBING PROJECTS:	
The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove & replace the same with new material, such shall be considered new work and a permit shall be required	No permit
The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures	No permit

Note - Any project not listed generally requires a building permit. If unsure, contact the Bristol Building Department at 860-584-6215.