



City of Westport

2009 IRC PERMITS

Single Family Residential Permits When Required

No building or electrical, mechanical, or plumbing system shall be constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, demolished, or changed unless a permit has been obtained. Building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, grading and development permits may be required.

PERMITS REQUIRED (Building or other)

(Common examples include but are not limited to the following)

1. Carports.
2. Decks at or more than 30" above grade and/or more than 200 square ft.
3. Dock repairs and additions.
4. Exterior doors, windows and skylights windows shall meet current WSEC requirements.
5. Electrical circuits and service.
6. Fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, and inserts.
7. Garage conversions.
8. Home-business conversions.
9. Interior remodels.
10. Mother-in-law apartments.
11. Furnaces.
12. Water heaters.
13. New hose bibs or drinking fountains.
14. Irrigation systems.
15. Gas piping.
16. Rockeries and restraining walls 4' in height and greater.
17. In-ground or above ground swimming pools and swim spas 2' deep, or above ground prefabricated pools over 5,000 gallons.
18. Tree and vegetation removal, soil removal or additions.
19. Spas and saunas.
20. Re-roofs or overlays including structural elements, including but not limited to sheathing, skylights, change of roof pitch, addition or relocation of mechanical units, and change of roof materials.

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PERMITS NOT REQUIRED (Building or other)
(Common examples)

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, tree-supported play structures, playhouses, and similar uses not exceeding 120 s.f.
2. Fences not over 6' high and meeting WPMC (Westport Municipal Code).
3. Retaining walls or rockeries which are not over 4' in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall unless located in a sensitive area, is supporting a surcharge or supporting sloped ground.
4. Sidewalks, decks, and driveways not more than 30" above grade (decks must be 200 less than square ft) and not over a basement or story below.
5. Replacement of decking on docks and decks coverings without replacement of any other structural members or removal or replacement of railings or guards.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work.
7. Swings, slides, and other playground equipment.
8. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54" and do not require additional support.
9. Bathroom and kitchen fixture replacements without plumbing line modifications such as sinks and toilets.
10. Appliance replacement in the same location without modification to gas, plumbing lines, or electrical circuits such as dishwashers, ranges, ovens, gas logs, washers, and dryers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Consult with the local planning department regarding required setbacks.
- The intent of this sheet is to address the requirements of when a building permit is required. For residential projects, please contact your local building department regarding specific questions not addressed here or requiring further clarification.