

Frequently asked questions:

Q. When is a building permit required?

- A. A building permit is required for any construction that physically changes or adds structures to your property. Examples are:
- * Additions – room additions, patio covers, etc
 - * Finishing an unfinished basement or any part thereof
 - * Change of use of structures
 - * Installation of heating equipment, such as wood stoves, central heat, wall heaters, and wood burning stoves or gas fireplaces.
 - * Moving or demolishing a building
 - * Repairs – replacement of water heaters or other plumbing fixtures, air conditioning units, new electrical service, rewiring, etc.

Q. How long does it take to get a permit processed?

- A. Allow 5-14 business days to get a permit processed however some permits may take longer depending on special circumstances.

Q. How much does a permit cost?

- A. The cost of a building permit is determined by the structures square footage and the location of the property.

Q. What has to be completed to get a final inspection and move into my home?

- A. All safety aspects of the home need to be completed along with the basic living facilities. (completed electrical, handrails, smoke detector, kitchens, bathroom, etc.)

Q. Do I need a building permit when building a shed?

- A. Any structure 200 square feet or larger requires a permit. If you're unsure whether you need a permit, contact the Beaver County Building Department at (435) 438-6483.