



## DO I NEED A PERMIT?

### Construction work requiring permits in the City of Brenham:

- Signage
- New homes or structures
- Foundations
- Decks
- Storage/Accessory buildings
- Additions
- Interior remodeling
- Exterior remodeling
- Carports
- Garage enclosures
- Renovations
- Manufactured homes
- Prefabricated structures
- Temporary buildings
- Demolitions
- Driveways/Commercial parking/Sidewalks
- Water heater replacements
- Insulation
- Swimming pools
- Retaining walls
- Sprinkler irrigation systems
- Mechanical/HVAC systems
- Electrical systems
- Plumbing systems

### Work not requiring permits:

- Painting
- Wall papering
- Carpeting
- Flooring
- Cabinets
- Counter tops

### Why do I need a permit?

Obtaining building permits allows legal permission to start construction and allows for the enforcement of codes which have been adopted as law by the city. No matter what the specific job may be, the enforcement of our codes is carried out to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Brenham. In addition, obtaining permits ensures oversight and protects the investment you have in your home or business.

An application should be made and a permit obtained prior to the start of any construction. Although this list is as comprehensive as possible, it is not intended, and should not be considered to be all inclusive. If you have a question as to whether or not a permit is required, please call the Development Services Department at 979-337-7220 or visit [www.cityofbrenham.org](http://www.cityofbrenham.org) for more information.

