



WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?



NO PERMIT REQUIRED FOR:

- Replacement of any switch, receptacle, fuse, fan, light fixture or similar equipment that does not alter mechanical, electrical or plumbing systems.
- Ordinary, minor nonstructural repair(s) or remodeling such as painting, papering, siding and similar finish work.
- *Accessory storage buildings (or) structures less than **200** square feet in floor area. This exemption shall be restricted to only one accessory within a site. Accessory structures that do not require a permit may **NOT** be placed over utility easements. For additional information, please contact the utility companies or the Planning & Inspections Department.

A building permit is required to "construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy" of a building or structure within the City of El Paso's jurisdiction. A homeowner may be issued a permit to perform such work on his permit upon proof of ownership. A trade permit for electrical, mechanical, plumbing or irrigation work is sometimes required depending on the scope of work. With the exception of irrigation work, only a contractor registered with the City may be issued a trade permit.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Keep in mind that if your property is in a historic district or designated a historic landmark, any construction, reconstruction, alteration, change, removal, or demolition on your property must first be reviewed by City staff for historic appropriateness, even if a building permit is not required.

