

## **Do I need a building permit?**

All structures over 150 sq. ft. (10'x15')

All additions to a structure

All new structure: Homes, garages, storage, commercial, churches, placement of manufactured homes, mobile homes, doublewides or modular

Electrical upgrade/ heat pumps

Signs and billboards

Demolitions (may require asbestos testing)

If the work you are planning is not listed call to inquire if a permit is required.

## **How to get a permit**

1. A town zoning permit- if applicable
2. An approved septic and water system from one listed below:
  - a. Town
  - b. Tazewell County Health Department
  - c. Tazewell County Public Service Authority (PSA)
3. Building Plans: Blueprint or detailed drawings to be approved by the building official.
4. Must present a valid VA contractor's licenses for your contractor.

[Code of Virginia, as amended, Title 54.1 Chapter 11 - 54.1.1111](#)

Effective as of July 1, 1999, anyone who is required to purchase a building permit must provide a license issued by the Virginia Board of Contractors before the permit is issued. The Tazewell County Building Inspectors Office *does not* have any license on file. The contractor is responsible for providing this office or your client (if client obtains permit) with all information, including any tradesman certifications listed on the licenses.

5. Must present a valid VA contractor's licenses number for all subcontractor work on the job. If the subcontractor's license number is not available at the time of application, no permit will be issued for that portion of the job. Subcontractor will be responsible for obtaining permit(s).

6. Ask about site preparation.

***PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION***