



Hendry County Building Department

Hendry County, FL

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

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1. Q. When is a building permit necessary?

A. A building permit is required for all projects to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy or occupant content of a building or structure, or any outside area being used as part of the building's designated occupancy, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system which is regulated by the technical codes, except as follows:

- Ordinary minor non-structural repairs, provided that such repairs shall not violate any of the provisions of the technical codes
- Repair faucet or valves and unstop clogged drains and sewer lines
- Install A/C units (less than 3 tons), cord & plug w/existing electrical outlet, not connected to ducts
- Any portable heating appliance, portable ventilation equipment or portable cooling unit
- Painting, replacing cabinets, carpet, vinyl, tile, gutters
- Stucco/siding 500 square feet or less

2. Q. How long will it take to get a building permit?

A. Many simple applications can be processed and issued within one day. These permits are called Express Permits. The applications that also require action by other departments are called Drop Off Permits, and may take several days to process. Certain types of applications such as re-roof permits may be faxed in. The volume of activity when the application is submitted can affect processing times. Check with a Permit Tech if you need to know how long your application will take before a permit will be issued.

3. Q. Which building permits require plan review?

- A.
- New residential structure
 - New residential additions or alterations
 - Mobile home installations and additions
 - New commercial structures
 - New commercial additions or alterations
 - Fire alarm systems
 - Fire suppression systems
 - Signs
 - Swimming Pools

4. Q. What do I need to have on the jobsite at the time of inspection?

- A.
- Access to permitted construction work
 - Plans stamped by Building Department
 - Permit inspection Record
 - Work Completed for inspection scheduled
 - Animals restrained
 - Gates unlocked
 - Person of legal age at home (if occupied)

5. Q. What are the duties and responsibilities of the Hendry County Building Official?

- A.
1. All operations of the Building Department
 2. Enforcing the Florida Building Code
 3. Rendering interpretations of the Florida Building Code
 4. Adopting policies and procedures to clarify the application of provisions of the Florida Building Code
 5. Identifying and abating unsafe buildings or systems

6. Q. Who can interpret provisions of the Florida Building Code?

A. Both the Hendry County Building Official and the Florida Building Commission can render interpretations of the Florida Building Code.

7. Q. Who can interpret provisions of the Florida Fire Code?

A. Both the Hendry County Fire Marshal and the State Fire Marshal can render interpretations of the Florida Fire Code.