



GRAND LAKE COLORADO

Answers to your building permit questions:

Do you need a building permit?

Any building or structure work, encompassing construction, alteration, demolition, repairs (i.e. frozen pipes), and any modifications to electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing systems, requires a permit.

Exceptions:

- There are some exceptions to the permit requirement, including minor projects like **painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.**
- One-story detached accessory structures used as **tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses**, provided the floor area does not exceed **120 square feet**, and the height of the structure does not exceed **12 feet**. This exception applies only when in conjunction with a single-family dwelling.
- Fences **not** over six feet high.
- Retaining walls which are **not over four feet in height** measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids.
- Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons, and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2-to-1.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment.