



Building Department

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR RESIDENTIAL DECKS

A building permit is required to build or install a deck. The deck must comply with zoning, wetland, and septic system setbacks. It will also be reviewed for flood plain and building code compliance. The following are requirements for a typical deck project, there could be other regulations which are not addressed or are specific to your project that might apply. The more information that is on the plans the easier it will be to help you comply with applicable regulations under our jurisdiction.

- Complete online application.
- Homeowners applying for a permit must complete an application and an affidavit exempting them from the home improvement contractor law. Owners pulling their own permit or dealing with unregistered contractors for applicable home improvement work do not have access to the arbitration program or guaranty fund under MGL c. 142A.
- Plot plan of property indicating proposed location of deck. A mortgage survey plan may be acceptable depending on proposed setbacks and is reviewed on a case by case basis.
- The building department may have a plot plan of your property on file. You can look in the "Street Files" (open to the public) if there is one.