

BUILDING PERMIT GUIDELINES

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS

A UCC Building Permit is required if you intend to construct, enlarge, convert, move, demolish or change the occupancy of any residential building (1-2 family dwelling) or accessory structure regulated by the Uniform Construction Code.

UCC Building Permits are required for:

ALL new construction

Any living space addition

Attached garages (including one attached only by a breezeway).

Any deck or ramp with a floor over 30" from the ground (attached or detached)

Any roof repair/replacement of framing when attached to the house

Any roof addition when attached to the house, including those for decks and porches

Any renovations that change means of egress, move or cut into load-bearing walls, and/or change or move plumbing or electric.

All in-ground swimming pools or above-ground pools that have more than 24" of water AND are permanent

Any fence over 6' in height (fences of any height may require Zoning or Municipality approval)

Any masonry or retaining wall 4' or more in height

Any detached accessory structure over 1000 sq. ft. (such structure may still require Zoning or Municipal approval)

REMEMBER – Before Starting Any Project, CALL:

Your Local Borough or Township Office, even if your project does not require a UCC Building Permit, it may require approval from the Municipality or County.

PA One-Call at 1.800.242.1776 or 811 before you start digging.

Your County Soil Conservation District.

Your County Planning Commission

PLEASE NOTE: Agricultural buildings (i.e., chicken houses, agricultural storage buildings) are exempt from the UCC Building Permit requirement, but are still subject to all other Local, County and State approvals and/or Zoning Permits. You must still complete an Agricultural Building Exemption Form and return it to this office prior to beginning work.

HORSEBACK RIDING ARENAS ARE NOT AGRICULTURALLY EXEMPT