



ROUTT COUNTY REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMITS

Exemption from a Building Permit may still require approval from other Routt County Departments or other local Government Associations or Departments. Please call to verify.

Residential Building Structures

Building:

- One-story detached accessory structure used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
- Fences not over 6 feet high.
- Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
- Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
- Sidewalks and Driveways
- Roofing permits are not required when existing roofing materials are removed without damaging or removing existing roofing underlayment materials and new roofing materials of the same type are re-installed.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.
- Routt County un-incorporated areas only: Agricultural buildings which are used for the *sole purpose* of providing shelter for agricultural implements, farm and ranch products, livestock, or poultry.

NOTE: Buildings which are used for storage of passenger type motor vehicles, storage of recreational vehicles and equipment, storage of construction equipment and tools (not directly related to agricultural), and workshops are not considered agricultural buildings for the purpose of this exemption. Buildings of mixed occupancy, where only a portion of the building is used for agricultural purposes, are not considered agricultural buildings for the purpose of this exemption.

Electrical:

- Listed cord and plug temporary decorative lighting.
- Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles 'but not the outlets therefore.
- Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
- Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
- Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

Gas:

- Portable heating, cooking, or clothes drying appliances.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- Portable – fuel – cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid

Mechanical:

- Portable heating appliances.
- Portable ventilation appliances
- Portable cooling units.
- Steam, hot- or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or or make such equipment unsafe.
- Portable evaporative coolers.
- Self - contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 H.P. or less (746 watts)
- Portable- fuel – cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Plumbing:

- The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste, or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspections made as provided in this code.
- The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of

Commercial Building Structures

Building:

- One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet.
- Fences not over 6 feet high.
- Oil Derricks.
- Retaining walls that are not over 4 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 IIIA liquids.
- Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1.
- Platforms, sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below; and are not part of an accessible route.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons and are installed entirely above ground.
- Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached on-and two-family dwellings.
- Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.

Electrical:

- Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
- Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of this code shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions, but do apply to equipment and wiring for a power supply and the installations of towers and antennas.
- Temporary testing systems: A permit shall not be required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Gas:

- Portable heating appliance
- Replacement for any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Mechanical:

- Portable heating appliance.
- Portable ventilation equipment.
- Portable cooling unit.
- Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
- Replacement of any part that does not alter its approval or make it unsafe.
- Portable evaporative cooler.
- Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (0.75kW) or less.

Plumbing:

- The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, Waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipes

becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and an inspection made as provided in this code.

- The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.