

Montcalm County Building Department issues Building, Electric, Plumbing and Mechanical Permits for all of Montcalm County with the exception of the City of Greenville where we issue Electric, Plumbing and Mechanical permits only. The City of Greenville issues their own Building Permits.

The Montcalm County Building Department enforces the State Construction Code as effective December 28, 1999, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, which includes Michigan Building Code 2012 and the Michigan Residential Code 2015 with amendments.

The Montcalm County Building Department requires a Permit for the following work:

- All new construction, alterations, additions, change of use, etc.
- All swimming pools above or belowground that are 24" or more deep, or have a surface area of 250 square feet or more.
- Any deck, floor area or enclosure of a pool area.
- All garages, carports, storage sheds, yard buildings, etc. (except residential accessory structures not greater than 200 square feet and entry way additions to an existing entrance door where no horizontal dimension exceeds 7 feet).
- All decks, porches or floor surface 30 inches or more above grade.
- All mobile home installations and replacements.
- All roof systems (excluding re-roofing that does not involve any structural repairs).
- Window replacements only when the window opening is made larger.

Building permits are not required for re-siding of a structure.

Montcalm County Building Department provides timely inspections on regularly scheduled basis by qualified, experienced inspectors. The inspectors have scheduled days each week on the road and we perform unscheduled special inspections upon request when manpower allows. All inspectors are State Certified, State licensed in their field, and have many years of experience. Inspectors are required by State law to attend continuing education state approved code classes over three-year cycles to maintain certification.

Montcalm County Building Department permit fees are based on the size of the project and the actual work that is being performed. Each permit applicant pays only the amount required for the work they are doing, smaller jobs have smaller fees, larger jobs have larger fees. The State Construction Code requires that all permit fees collected shall be used for the operation of the Building Department. The Montcalm County Building Department operates entirely on the permit fees it collects and pays the County of Montcalm for all office space and administrative services provided to assist in the operations of the department. Montcalm County Building Department does not operate from the county general fund or use any county tax dollars.