

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PERMITTING QUESTIONS:

Q: Do I need a permit for a fence?

A: Yes, you need a zoning compliance permit.

Q: What permits do I need for a deck?

A: You need a zoning compliance permit and a building permit.

Q: What permits do I need for a prefabricated yard barn or steel carport?

A: You need a zoning compliance permit. If the structure is 200sf or more, then you also need a building permit.

Q: What permits do I need for a swimming pool:

A: You need a zoning compliance permit. If the pool is over 24" deep then you also need a building permit.

Q: Do I need a permit to re-roof my house?

A: If you are only tearing off and replacing the shingles then you don't need a permit. If you are replacing any structural components such as framing, decking, sheeting, trusses, or rafters, then you need a building permit.

Q: Do I need a permit to re side my house?

A: Only if you are replacing structural components such as framing members or sheeting.

Q: Do I need a permit to replace windows?

A: Only if you are altering the opening to make it bigger. If you alter an existing opening to accommodate a larger window or frame in a new opening for a patio door, etc.

Q: How do I know if I need a building permit?

A: Best bet is to call your township Building Official. He/she can best advise you if you need a permit

based on the scope of work to be done.

Q: How do I obtain the permit applications I need for my project?

A: All applications are available in the vestibule of the township office building and also on the Silver Creek Township website. Please complete the application and submit it to the building and zoning department for review.

Q: What are the benefits of the permitting process?

A: The permitting process does all of the following:

1. **Creates a trackable history of what work has been done on a property**
2. **Creates a trackable history of who has performed work on the property**
3. **Protects both buyer and seller when property ownership is transferred.**
4. **When permits are issued, and work is inspected, it ensures the work meets the minimum standards of safety and quality, as determined by state law.**
5. **Gives seller the right to say that all work done was inspected and approved when property is listed for sale, which in turn inspires confidence for a potential buyer.**
6. **Helps to avoid potential problems during the sale of the property.**
7. **Establishes accountability for work done, in case a problem does arise.**