



PERMIT REQUIREMENTS HOUSEHOLD RENOVATIONS

NOTE: Information Supplied by Mr. Aiman Hammoud of the Permits Administration Section (DCPHD) of Arlington County on December 5, 2008.

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/CPHDMain.aspx>

Do I need an Arlington County Permit for...

1. **Replacements of a bathtub or shower stall using the same footprint of the original?**
 - a. No, as long as it's only a replacement to the fixtures without alteration to the water supply/distribution systems, sanitary drainage systems or vent systems.
2. **Removal of a wall or part of a wall? Any drywall work?**
 - a. Yes, building permit since structural work is required.
3. **Replacement of a dishwasher or clothes washer using the same footprint/connections of the original one?**
 - a. No, as long as it's only a replacement to the fixtures without alteration to the water supply/distribution systems, sanitary drainage systems or vent systems.
4. **Installation of a new exhaust fan and vent system in a bathroom?**
 - a. Yes, mechanical permit and/or building permit (if piping and/or ductwork are being installed).
5. **Installation of a new kitchen vent?**
 - a. Yes, mechanical permit and/or building permit (if piping and/or ductwork are being installed).
6. **Flooring an attic?**
 - a. Answer varies depending on how the attic is being used.

7. **Installation of a new heating/ AC System?**
 - a. Yes, mechanical permit and/or building permit (if piping and/or ductwork are being installed). If exterior AC System, a plat is needed also with the location of the unit drawn on the plat.
8. **Installation of a new heat pump?**
 - a. Yes, mechanical permit.
9. **Electrical system upgrade or adding additional breakers?
Installation of new wall sockets or lighting fixtures?**
 - a. Yes, electrical permit.
10. **Replacement of a hot water heater using the same footprint/connections of the original?**
 - a. If it's gas, a plumbing permit is required; if electric, permit not required.
11. **Any changes to the original plumbing (pipes) system?**
 - a. Yes, plumbing permit and/or building permit (if plumbing is concealed).
12. **Installation of a hot tub on a patio?**
 - a. Yes, building permit (since it is outside structure requiring zoning approval for setbacks, location placement), plumbing & electrical permits.
13. **Adding a larger sink in the kitchen?**
 - a. Yes, plumbing permit only if plumbing (pipes) is already roughed in. If not, building and plumbing permits are required.

Disclaimer: Please note that all of the answers could vary on a case by case basis based on the plans presented at the time of plan review.

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