

RI State Building Code 2022**R105.2** Work exempt from permit.

Permits shall not be required for the following.

Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

Building:

1. One (1) story detached accessory structure provided the floor area does not exceed two hundred (200) square feet (18.58m²).
2. Fences not over six feet (6') (1829 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over thirty-two inches (32") in height measured from the lower finished grade to the top of the wall unless supporting a surcharge.

Exception:

1. All cast-in-place concrete retaining walls greater than twenty-four inches (24") in height shall require a permit.
2. All engineered masonry retaining wall systems shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.
3. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed five thousand (5,000) gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of the height to diameter or width does not exceed two to one (2 to 1).
4. Sidewalks and driveways not more than thirty inches (30") (762 mm) above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
5. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
6. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than twenty-four inches (24") (610 mm) deep, and man-made landscape ponds of any depth.
7. Swings and other playground equipment and play structures.
8. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall.
9. Replacement window sash installations.

Exception: Replacement window installations that include a frame and sash(es) require a permit.

Electrical:

Maintenance: A permit shall not be required for replacement of lamps, receptacles, devices, or fixtures, including the connection of portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacle.

Gas: Replacement of any minor part or appliance that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing ten (10) pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of one (1) horsepower (746 W) or less.

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 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.

**Any questions whether a permit is required, please contact Building Department (401) 466-3216.
All Zoning and Land Use requirements must be met, please contact (401) 466-3205.**