



For the protection of the property owner, the neighbors, and the Village, Forest Park requires property owners to apply for permits prior to the commencement of work on the property. If a permit is not obtained: the work will be stopped until a permit is issued, a surcharge will be added to the cost of the permit, and any work performed without a permit may be subject to removal at the inspector's discretion.

The Village reserves the right to review and require a permit for any proposed work that does not fit into any of the following categories. If you are considering any work that is not specified below, please contact the Village of Forest Park's Building Department at (708) 615-6286. The following require permits in Forest Park:

<b>General</b>	New building, new addition to existing building, alteration to structure, structural repairs do to fire or deterioration (walls, floors, cabinetry, and ceilings)
<b>Site Work</b>	Central air conditioning (new or replacement), driveways, patios, walks, fences, arbors, trellises, pergolas (new or repair), grading changes, swimming pools/spas/hot tubs, parking lots, repaving, restriping, patching, repairing, ramps, retaining walls, sheds, tree houses
<b>Concrete/Flat Work</b>	Courts-tennis, basketball, etc. Driveways, patios, walks, footings, foundation walls, stairs, slabs, piers for decks
<b>Demolition</b>	Detached garage, fuel tank removal, interior demolition, structure demolition
<b>Electrical</b>	Outlets for lights (new and exterior), panel change, service (new, upgrade, or temporary), smoke detectors (directly wired or new)
<b>Equipment</b>	HVAC equipment (new or replace), Fuel tanks and/or piping, generator, solar panels
<b>Finishes</b>	Ceiling and wallboard (new), gypsum wall (new), plaster (new), siding, wall shingle
<b>Carpentry</b>	Carport, decks, stairs, doors, framing (floors, walls, roofs) garages, porches (open and enclosed) skylights, stairways, windows (new or replacement), fences, structural steel framing
<b>Masonry</b>	Chimneys, fireplaces, hearth, tuck-pointing, walls
<b>Plumbing</b>	Bath tub, shower replacement, boilers, heating units, clean outs, sewer repair, drain tile (exterior and interior), garbage disposal units, hot tubs, Jacuzzi, spas, Install chemical dispenser, interior piping changes, lawn sprinkler system, New/additional sink (s), relocating fixtures, sewage disposal systems, sprinkler systems for fire protection, street or parkway opening, sump or ejector pumps, swimming pools, water service changes, water heaters

<b>Metals, Chimney, Flues</b>	Flues, railings, fences wrought iron or aluminum
<b>Public Property</b>	Carriage and sidewalks, driveway apron (new/repair), dumpsters (temporary), scaffolding on public property, street openings, curb openings
<b>Roofs</b>	Roof (new or re-roof), roof repairs
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Awnings, canopies, elevators, wheelchair lifts, signs (temporary or permanent), trailers (construction, sales, etc.), gutters, downspouts, siding, pavers, porta-potty

No permit is required for the following:

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| Portable room heaters                                    | Replacing existing hearth                 |
| Residential driveway seal coating                        | Wall coverings, painting                  |
| Residential landscaping/ no grade change                 | Window air conditioners                   |
| Screens ( <i>window and door</i> )                       | Countertop ( <i>kitchen, bath, etc.</i> ) |
| Cabinets replacement only ( <i>no change in layout</i> ) | Garage Service Door                       |
| Floor coverings ( <i>tile, carpet, hardwood, etc.</i> )  | Trim work                                 |
| Garage Overhead Door                                     | Low voltage wiring                        |
| Tree Removal ( <i>private property</i> )                 | Cable TV/Phone wiring                     |
| Alarm System Paving Bricks                               |   |

No permit may be required, but the following rules still apply.

In an effort to balance the protection of property values and quality of life in the Village of Forest Park with the desire to minimize excessive paperwork, some home improvement projects do not require a permit but are still subject to requirements of the Village Code and Zoning Ordinance. If the following work is performed and found non-compliant with the above requirements, the homeowner will be required to remedy the situation.

**Sheds** 100 square feet or less do not require a permit, however, they must be placed in the required rear yard or buildable area (conforming to front and side yard setbacks). If located in the required rear yard, they can be no closer than 3' to side and rear lot lines. The maximum number of sheds and other accessory structures depends on the lot size. Sheds over 100 square feet require a permit. If a concrete foundation is to be poured, the shed will require a permit regardless of size. Property owners are asked to bring a copy of their plat to the Building Department to verify that the proposed location meets the above requirements.

**Ponds** for landscaping only (not for swimming) may be located no closer than 3' to any lot line. Any grade change, landscaping lighting, electricity, or plumbing associated with the pond requires a building permit.

**Landscaping planters/changes in grade for landscaping** may require a grading permit. Please submit a landscape plan to the Building Department for review The Building Department will advise the applicant if a grading permit is necessary.