

Permits Required  
2015 International Residential Code

Permits required by any owner or authorized agent:

Construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure. Replacing windows that involve structural changes or windows in areas that require an egress window.

Erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system regulated by this code.

Work exempt from permits and shall not be done in violation of the provisions of this code and the ordinances of the town of Plainfield:

1. One-story detached non residential structures less than 200 square feet. (Town requires that they must be anchored per "Anchor requirements for structures".
2. Fences not over six feet high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over four feet high, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks less than 5000 gallons and supported directly on grade.
5. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
8. Swings or other playground equipment accessory to a one- or two-family home.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall.
10. Decks - 200 square feet or less and;  
are not attached to a dwelling and;  
do not serve an exit door and;  
is not more than 30 inches above grade at any point.
11. 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.
12. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe as long as any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe does not become defective, requiring it to be removed and replaced.
13. Repairs as long as they do not include cutting away any part of a wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing support, the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the alteration of the structure that affects the egress requirements, nor shall ordinary repairs include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any , water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electrical wiring or mechanical or other work affecting the public health or general safety.