



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### Public Service Announcement

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### You May Need a Permit

Adding a shed or structure to your property may seem like a minor project, but did you know that you may need a permit? Before making changes to your property, it can be helpful to contact the Community Development Department to see if your project requires a zoning permit, building permit, or both. To help get you started, here are a few projects that may require a permit.

If you are building **any** new structure, **you need a zoning permit**.

This includes:

- Any new structure
- Decks
- Porches
- Storage Sheds
- Carports
- Agriculture Buildings
- Garages
- Dwellings
- Swimming Pools
- Solar

If you are going to **build, demolish, renovate, or repair** a structure, you may need a **building permit**. This includes:

- Decks
- Porches
- Storage Sheds/Carports/ Agriculture Buildings over 256 sq. ft.
- Garages
- Swimming pools
- Dwellings
- Generators
- Tents over 900 sq ft.
- Solar
- Electrical Upgrades.

These permits protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of all County citizens. Applications for permits can be found online at: <https://amherst.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/amherst%20>

If you have questions, let us know. Stop by the Community Development office Monday-Friday 8:30 to 5:00, visit the webpage at: <https://www.countyofamherst.com/departments/index.php?structureid=13>, or call 434-946-9302.

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