



WILLIAMSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

RESIDENTIAL RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS...WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

With warm weather upon us, many Williamson County residents, long-time and new, want to make improvements to their homes. Prior to starting any work on your home in the unincorporated County, it is recommended that you ask yourself the following questions:

- **Will I need a building permit?** In all likelihood, yes. These permits might include a building permit, renovation permit, plumbing permit, electrical permit, floodplain development permit, septic permit or in the case of a major addition or renovation, it could be all of the above. The important point to keep in mind is that the answer to these questions are simply a phone call away, by contacting the Community Development Department at **615-790-5725**. Further, you can make a written inquiry as to your plans through the County's electronic plans portal by going to <https://williamson.idtplans.com/secure>. And if you do so and have a problem maneuvering through the electronic plan system, you can call **615-790-5725**, and someone will help you make your inquiry. And, of course, you can drop by our offices (Suite 400) at the County Administrative Complex.
- **What if my improvements are "cosmetic" in nature?** As a general rule, painting, replacing flooring, cabinets, countertops and siding will not require a permit. However, if you have any doubts, please call **(615-790-5725)** or make an inquiry through <https://williamson.idtplans.com/secure>.
- **What improvements will require permitting?** Among the improvements that **could** require permitting include removal of drywall, relocation of walls, and replacement of plumbing and electrical fixtures. Further, it is **likely** any additions, additional plumbing fixtures (e.g. new bathroom), or additional bedrooms will require a building permit, or even a septic permit. In an effort to remove any doubts, feel free to contact the Community Development Department at **615-790-5725** or at <https://williamson.idtplans.com/secure> with your request.
- **In addition to a building permit, what other permits might be required?** Depending on the extent or type of your request, the range of necessary permits can vary. Again, by contacting the Community Development Department at **615-790-5725** or by contacting <https://williamson.idtplans.com/secure>, we can assess your request, and offer the necessary assistance to enable you to meet your goal.
- **Will I need a septic permit in addition to a building permit?** As a rule of thumb, septic permits are needed when additional bedrooms are to be added. However, there are a number of other circumstances as well. The safest course is to contact the Department of Sewage Disposal Management at **615-790-5751** or via <https://williamson.idtplans.com/secure> with your inquiry.