

Gratiot County Permits Office

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Requirements for Obtaining Building Permits

➤ Residential Structures:

(One- and Two-Family Residential with *less* than 3,500 square feet of calculated floor area.)

- Building Permit Application (BCC-324)
- Energy Compliance Statement
- Minimum of two (2) sets of plans that include the following:
 - Foundation and floor plans
 - Roof and wall section
 - Building elevations
 - Site plans

➤ Commercial Structures:

(One- and Two-Family Residential with *more* than 3,500 square feet of calculated floor area.)

- Building Permit Application (BCC-324)
- Minimum of two (2) sets of plans sealed by an architect and includes:
 - Electrical Approval
 - Mechanical Approval
 - Plumbing Approval

➤ Mobile and Premanufactured Homes:

- Minimum of two (2) sets of plans that include the following:
 - Foundation and floor plans
 - Method of anchoring the unit
 - Site plans
- Energy Compliance Statement
- For Michigan Approved premanufactured units include:
 - One (1) copy of the Building System Approval
 - Approved Plans

➤ Instruction for Completing Application:

- Page 1 of the Application – Complete all applicable sections.
 - Note Section 4, if the homeowner is doing the construction, enter “Homeowner” in the contractor information space.
- Page 2 of the Application – Must be completed by the Permit Applicant and signed.
- Page 3 of the Application – Please complete the site plan.
- Page 4 of the Application – Complete only if applicable.
- Page 5 of the Application – Please complete the top *or* bottom half of the page.

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- **Documents Required for Obtaining Building Permits**
 - Township Zoning Permit (A copy of Zoning Permit or letter of Township Approval is required before a Building Permit can be issued.)
 - Contact your local township zoning official.
 - Septic and Well Permit (When Applicable)
 - Contact the Mid-Michigan Health Department at (989) 875-3681 or visit their office located at 151 Commerce Dr., Ithaca, MI 48847. A copy of the well and septic permit is required. Existing well and septic systems may be used, however, a copy of the well or septic evaluation must be submitted if the system is older than 10 years and has not been in use.

- **Other Potentially Necessary Permits**
 - Soil Erosion Permit
 - If your project disturbs soil over an area of one (1) or more acres.
 - If your project is within 500 feet of a lake, stream, river, or open county drain.
 - Driveway Permit
 - Only when applicable
 - Contact Gratiot County Road Commission at (989) 875-3811 for information on these permits, curb cuts, or any activity affecting county roads.
 - State Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical Permits
 - The state issues the permits for Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical and you can mail a completed state application and a check/money order to the State Bureau of Construction Codes or apply online at www.michigan.gov/bcc.
 - The following is a list of State Inspectors and the Division Offices and their contact information.
 - State Electrical Inspector – Derek Ingle (989) 293- 1204
 - Electrical Division Office – (517) 241-9320
 - State Mechanical Inspector – Richard Teal (989) 292-1976
 - Mechanical Division Office – (517) 241-9325
 - State Plumbing Inspector – Ken Raupp
 - Plumbing Division Office – (517) 241-9330

- **When to Call for an Inspection**
 - Foundation Inspection:
 - Footing Inspection – After formwork is completed but prior to pouring concrete.
 - Backfill Inspection – Prior to backfill and after the footings, walls, waterproofing and drain tile are installed.
 - Rough Inspection:
 - After the roof, all framing, firestopping, and bracing installations are in place
 - After Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing rough installations are in place and approved but before the insulation is installed.
 - Final Inspection:
 - Made upon completion of the building/structure, and before occupancy occurs.

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- Certificate of Occupancy:
 - A new building or altered building shall not be used/occupied until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the code official.
 - The permit holder or their authorized agent must request a Certificate of Occupancy upon completion of the project. Request may be verbal, however, it is recommended that a written request be sent in, which included the building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permit numbers.
 - Cannot be issued until all fees are paid, permits finalized, and work covered by a building permit has been completed in accordance with the permit, the code and other applicable laws and ordinances.

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