

Sample Guide For Renovating Kitchens/Bathrooms

EFFECTIVE Jan 1, 2006 all contractors performing residential home improvements are required to be registered with the State as a Home Improvement Contractor. A copy of this registration shall be submitted with each Construction Permit Application. Please see the NJ Div. of Consumer Affairs web site for further information. <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/contractor.htm>

No Permit Needed When:

1. Removal of old cabinets – replace with new
2. Removal of old window or door – replace with same size or smaller
3. Remove sink/toilet/tub –replace with same (if no trap broken)
4. Remove old faucet – replace with new (if no piping changes)
5. Remove old light fixture/outlet/switch – replace with new (if no wiring changes made)

Permit Needed:

Building

1. Add or removal of walls
2. Add or enlarge any windows/doors
3. Any structural changes to ceiling or floor joist.
4. Sheetrock removal or install of more than 25% of any wall surface.

Electrical

1. Add any fixtures/outlets/switches
2. Add any wiring
3. Change regular outlet to GFI

Plumbing

1. Add any fixtures to room, any gas piping
2. Move location of existing fixtures or break any traps

When permits are needed, complete the following forms and technical sections as applicable

1. Construction permit application folder
2. Construction permit form
3. Building Subcode Technical (cost excluding cabinet cost)
4. Electrical Subcode Technical
5. Plumbing Subcode Technical

***** NOTE:** If anyone other than the homeowner performs Electrical or Plumbing work, the applicable technical *MUST BE SEALED* by the contractor who is performing the work.

Submit two sets of scaled drawings. All drawings should indicate owner's name, address of job site, block and lot numbers. To draw your own plans, you must be the owner and occupant of said Single Family Home. If not, you will need drawings done by a New Jersey Registered Architect. * The homeowner's signature must be on the plans that they prepare.

The plans shall show before and after drawings, with walls, windows, doors, cabinets and any other building changes being made. Also an electrical and plumbing layout is needed.