



## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR WORK NOT REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS\*

- Minor repairs
- Removal, replacement or covering of existing materials; i.e. carpet, vinyl flooring, wall paper and paint
- Casework & cabinet replacements that do not involve reconfiguring the space

### ELECTRICAL

- Replacement of existing fixtures
- Low voltage systems (doorbells, lighting)
- Communications
- The replacement of defective devices with directly interchangeable types; i.e. fuses, lamps, motors, ballasts, relays, switches, receptacles, circuit breakers, that are similar devices that do not disturb the fixed wiring system.

### PLUMBING

- Replacement of existing fixture which do not disturb the fixed piping
- Faucet, trap or minor repairs to similar equipment where mechanical connections exist
- Repairing or replacement of existing water heaters with same unit type, size and venting requirement.

### APPLIANCES

- Replacement or repairs to heat duct or vent connector
- Repairs to existing equipment
- Repair or replacement of existing heating unit with like kind; i.e., same type, size and venting

### FENCING

- Repair to less than 50% of an existing fence (fence must be legal by permit)

### ROOFING

- Roofing repairs involving less than 50% of the roof area
- Tear-offs and re-roofs over non conditioned space. (Example: open porch or accessory structures)

### DECKS

- Any deck less than 18" above grade

### PORCHES, STAIRS, GUARDS & HANDRAILS

- Repairs other than structural
- Replacement, ordinary repair and maintenance of less than 50% of a component.

### DOORS & WINDOWS

- Replacement windows of same size and type (must be a legal window opening )
- Replacement of basement windows with glass block (non habitable spaces only)
- New door or window installed into an existing opening

\* When a property is located in a Preservation District or is a Designated Building of Historic Value, a Certificate of Appropriateness may be required. Although this list is as comprehensive as possible, it is not intended, and should not be considered, to be all inclusive. If you have a question as to whether or not a permit is required, please call the City of Rochester Permit Office at (585)428-6526.