Smoke Detectors are Required

Each floor level of each dwelling unit is required by State law to have operating smoke detectors. This is the responsibility of the owner. Batteries must be replaced annually.

Before doing any digging, contact Digger's Hotline at 1-800-242-8511 for location of any underground wires.

Please Remember. . .

The City of Marshfield, Building Services Division is anxious to help you achieve a safe and proper building/home improvement. We are happy to answer your questions. We urge you to obtain a permit and have your work inspected for compliance. You will not only be complying with the law, you will be protecting your family.

This brochure is intended to provide a summary of various code requirements for the City of Marshfield. This is not a complete list of code items. As always, please consult with City of Marshfield staff prior to commencing building activity.

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Before You Start Your Home Improvement

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this brochure is to answer questions you may have when planning a home building project. Please consider the following topics before starting.

Zoning

Zoning regulates the use of the land and establishes minimum setbacks and maximum height and bulk restrictions for buildings. A few important zoning factors include:

Land Use - Before purchasing a property for a new use, please call the zoning administer at 715-486-2075 to find out if the use is permitted at that location

Setbacks - When adding on or building new, certain distances must be maintained from building to property lines.

Various setbacks apply, depending on type of zoning, building, location, lot location, etc. It is best to check with the Zoning Administrator for these required distances.

A site plan is required to demonstrate compliance with setbacks.

Utility Easements - Shown on subdivision plats, survey or city maps cannot be built within. Easements must be maintained for access to overhead or underground if needed.

Permits

A Building Permit is required for all new buildings, additions and alterations to existing buildings. Building plans are required showing construction details.

New - Detached garages, sheds and fences.

Additions - To home or garage. For example screened porches, decks, or attached garages.

Alterations - Remodeling existing home or garage. For example a basement recreation room, kitchen or bathroom remodeling.

Painting, floor coverings, interior decorating, re-shingling roofs do not require a permit (If you re-sheet the roof a permit is required).

Yes, I need a Permit for . . .

Plumbing - Moving or adding fixtures.

Heating - Installing or replacing furnace, woodburners, fireplaces, central air conditioning units.

Electrical - New service, rewiring, new wiring.

NOTE: Rental Units require a licensed electrician and a licensed plumber.

Inspections

Inspections are required at various stages of construction. The following types of inspections may be required, depending on the project.

Footing Inspections — Needed for all new foundation work.

Rough Construction — Needed when framed construction work is done, and before it is covered.

Rough Plumbing — After plumbing is done, and before work is covered.

Rough HVAC — After system is installed, and before work is covered up.

Rough Electrical — After electrical is done, and before work is covered up.

Insulation — After all insulating is done, and before work is covered up.

Final Inspection — After all work is completed and ready to occupy.

Which Codes Apply?

The City of Marshfield Code Section 15 and the State of Wisconsin UDC Code will apply to all new homes and to all additions, remodeling and alterations to residential buildings.