Is a permit required for a tree house? A permit is required if a tree house has more than 120 square feet of floor space.
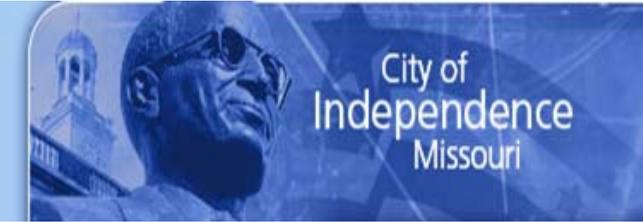
Is a permit required for a windmill, radio or wind turbine tower? A permit is required and there are height and setback requirements in residential areas.

For more information call:
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What size shed can be built without a permit? If a shed has less than 120 square feet of floor area (10'X12' or smaller) a permit is not required; however, any shed must be at least 10' from any other structure and abide by all Zoning Division (325-7425) setback requirements.

Is a permit required for electrical, plumbing or heating and cooling? A permit is required for these types of work.

Do you need a permit to install replacement windows, doors or siding? A permit is only required if the replacement windows or doors are larger. Siding does not require a permit.

Do you need a permit for a swimming pool? If the pool has side walls that are 24" or taller or 5,000 gallons or more, a swimming pool permit is required.

Does a deck or ramp require a permit? Yes, all decks and ramps require a permit.

Is a permit required to enclose a porch? A permit is required when a porch is enclosed.

Is a permit required to finish a basement? A permit is required to finish any part of a basement. Electrical, plumbing and heating and cooling permits are also required.

Is a permit required to re-roof my home? A permit is required to re-roof any home, and only one layer of roofing material is allowed on any roof.