

Town of Dover Building/Zoning /Code Enforcement Department

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General Information for All Building Permit Applications

Please read the following and have application complete BEFORE submittal

The applicant/homeowner is responsible for supplying sufficient information to determine that the project complies with and adheres to all Town of Dover Zoning Laws and all NYS Building Codes.

The Town of Dover Zoning Law may be obtained from the Zoning Law book available at the Town Clerk’s office for a fee or on the internet at www.TownOfDoverNY.us (Links, Town Code, Chapter 145).
NYS Building Codes are available at www.dos.state.ny.us.

Start of construction without a permit will mandate a penalty of 200% of permit fee, PLUS the permit fee, PLUS all legal fees (if necessary)

If a permit is denied or withdrawn, 50% of the fee will be refunded if requested in writing provided that no work has commenced.

Applications will not be considered until **ALL** required documents and copies are submitted **by the applicant**. A list of required documents for each project is listed on the coversheet; submitting required documents in “bits & pieces” will result in a delay. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.**

Please note: **applications are not reviewed at the time of submittal...** they are reviewed in the order in which they are received and may require approximately 1-4 weeks to process depending on the complexity of the project. Due to the volume of applications received, requests to expedite an application cannot be honored.

Section 125 of the General Municipal Law requires that ALL APPLICANTS provide proof of Workers’ Compensation and Disability compliance **or** a valid exemption when applying for a permit. For more information, visit www.wcb.state.ny.us or call (518) 486-6307.

After the application is reviewed and approved, you will be notified and will be given a Construction Permit. If the application is denied, you will receive written notice with an explanation. Construction may not start until the permit is issued.

Permits expire one year after issuance and may be renewed at full price. By law, a building permit is not closed out until the project is finished and a Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance (C/O, C/C) has been issued; it is the applicant’s/homeowner’s responsibility to call this department to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance. If the project has not been started and you wish to close out the permit, it is the applicant’s/homeowner’s responsibility to send a written notice stating that project has not been started and give this department permission to verify.

The Construction Permit and your 911 address must be clearly displayed on a place visible from the road.

[F] 303.3 Premises identification. Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).