

# WHAT DOESN'T REQUIRE A PERMIT?



**Per Section of 104.2 of the California Building Code the following permits are exempt:**

1. One-story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses and structures such as portable shade cloth structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11 m<sup>2</sup>) and without mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation. Such structures must comply with the setback and height requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance and the Fire Code.
2. Landscape planters not over 24 inches in height above lowest adjacent grade. Must comply with height requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance.
3. Decks, platforms or similar structures (not exceeding 200 square feet and are not attached to a dwelling), walkways, sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route. Must comply with the setback, lot coverage and height requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance.
4. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting and similar finish work that does not involve electrical, mechanical or plumbing work and providing this work is not part of a Code Enforcement case or action.
5. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a single family dwelling that are less than 24 inches deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons and are installed entirely above ground.
6. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
7. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of single family dwelling and its accessory structures.
8. Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over five (5) feet nine (9) inches (1,753 mm) in height.  
Unless otherwise exempted, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required for the above-exempted items.
9. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.

**2022 California Electrical Code- Consistent with the requirements of Section 17960 of the Health and Safety Code, the local enforcing agency shall enforce the requirements of this code, but shall exempt the following activities from the requirement for a permit or inspection.**

1. Listed cord and plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Re-installation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets therefore.
3. Repair or replacement of branch circuit over-current devices of the required capacity in the same location.

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## **2022 California Mechanical Code-104.2 Exempt Work. A permit shall not be required for the following:**

1. A portable heating appliance, portable ventilating equipment, a portable cooling unit, or a portable evaporative cooler.
2. A closed system, hot or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
3. Replacement component part that does not alter its original approval and is in accordance with other applicable requirements of this code.
4. Refrigerating equipment that is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of this code.
5. A unit refrigerating system.

Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for work to be done in violation of the provisions of this code or other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

## **2022 California Plumbing Code-104.2 Exempt Work. A permit shall not be required for the following:**

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste, or vent pipe, provided, however, that a trap, drain pipe, soil, waste, or vent pipe become defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, the same shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages, including the removal and re-installation of water closets, or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures

Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for work to be done in violation of the provisions of this code or other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.