

Frequently Asked Questions

OUTDOOR STRUCTURES- DECKS, HOT TUBS, SHEDS...	
Is a permit required to build an overhead sunshade structure attached to the house?	No. As long as the roof portion is left open and not covered with sheathing, decking, or corrugated panels of any sort. Check with the Planning Department about setback and height requirements. 970-962-2523 or eplan-planning@cityofloveland.org
Are outdoor gas fire pits allowed in the City?	Yes. A <i>Fast Track</i> permit is required for the gas line extension. The appliance must meet ANSI Z21.97 standards and be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Submit appliance installation instructions with application. Gas piping system needs to be sized per IRC G2413.3
Do I need a permit to build a deck?	Yes. Unless the deck is under 200 sq. ft. and less than 30 in. above grade, not attached to the house, or doesn't serve the main entry.
Do I need a permit for a shed?	Yes. Unless the shed is less the 200 sq. ft. and detached from the house.
Do I need a permit to build a privacy fence?	Yes, <i>if</i> over 6'3" and/or is concrete. Any concrete fence is considered structural and a permit is required. The Planning Department also has requirements and should be contacted. 970-962-2523 or eplan-planning@cityofloveland.org
Is a permit required for a hot tub?	Yes. Along with the application, include a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site plan showing location of hot tub from property lines and house. Show window and door locations, electrical outlets, tub disconnect location • Include manufacturer's installation requirements • If hot tub is to be placed on a deck, the deck must be engineered. Access to the pump motor must be provided. • A locking safety cover conforming to ASTM F1346 or other approved barrier must be provided.
Is a permit required to install a swimming pool?	Yes. Prefabricated, pre-engineered pools greater than 24" in depth require a permit with similar submittal information as a hot tub. Provide fence details (min.48" high) if used for barrier requirements. More information available upon request. Please contact Kevin Foss at 970-962-2616 or kevin.foss@cityofloveland.org

HOME IMPROVEMENT	
Is a permit required for window replacements?	No. Provided the rough openings are not changed. Fenestration U values must be a min. of 0.30. All safety glazing requirements must conform to the 2018 IRC.
Do I need a permit to install new exterior siding on my house?	No. Follow the manufacturer's installation requirements and install corrosion-resistant flashing in a shingle fashion to prevent water from entering. Consider a water-resistive barrier in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
Do I need a permit to replace the concrete entryway to my house?	No. However there are code requirements regarding landings and steps relating to landing size, step design and handrail compliance. Be sure your contractor understands the requirements.
What do I need to install a new egress window in my basement?	You will need a design by a Colorado licensed structural engineer, an egress compliant window and window well, a method of draining the well, a licensed contractor and a building permit. Window U-value less than 0.30.

Do I need a permit to reroof my house?	Yes. Please refer to Loveland's Roofing Guide
Can I complete the work myself?	Yes, you may pull a roofing permit yourself if you own the dwelling and permanently reside there.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS	
Did you speak with Economic Development?	If not, you should. To see if any incentives are available for your project, please contact Economic Development at 970-962-2888 or econdevinfo@cityofloveland.org
Does my occupancy have a CO?	Please submit an Open Records Request at the below link. https://www.cityofloveland.org/services/development-services/building-division/citizen-access
Will I need a design professional?	All work completed in a commercial building would require a design professional.
Can I complete the work myself if I own the building?	No, a licensed General Contractor is required for all commercial projects. You will also be required to have a licensed Mechanical Contractor, Electrical, Plumbing, etc.
How do I become ADA compliant?	Please contact Bobby Burke regarding ADA compliancy at 970-962-2672 or bobby.burke@cityofloveland.org