



**2009 International Residential Code
Permit Exemptions**

1. Detached one-story accessory buildings used for lawn and garden equipment storage, tool storage and similar uses, provided such buildings do not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m²) of floor area nor 8 feet (2.438 m) in height, do not house flammable liquids in quantities exceeding 10 gallons (38 l) per building and are constructed entirely of noncombustible materials when located less than 3 feet (0.914 m) from an adjoining property line.
2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the low side grade to the top of the wall, provided the horizontal distance to the next uphill retaining wall is at least equal to the total height of the lower retaining wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or IIIA liquids.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Platforms and decks intended for human occupancy or walking, sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement window or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated and portable swimming or wading pools, hot tubs or spas when the walls are entirely above grade and which cannot contain water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other play or playground equipment, including elevated playhouses not exceeding 120 square feet (11.15 m²) of floor area nor 8 feet (2.438 m) in height measured from the floor to the highest point of such structure, designed and used exclusively for play.
9. Window awnings on Group R, Division 3 and Group U Occupancies projecting not more than 54 inches (1372 mm), window replacement requiring no structural alteration and when such work is determined not to be historically significant, storm window, storm door and rain gutter installation.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.
11. Roofing repair or replacement work not exceeding one square (100 square feet) of covering per building.
12. Replacement of nonstructural siding.
13. Minor work valued at less than \$500 when such minor work does not involve alteration of structural components, fire-rated assemblies, plumbing, electrical, mechanical or fire-extinguishing systems.
14. Decorative ponds, fountains and pools which cannot contain water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep."