



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **When do I need a building permit?**

Building permits are required for all new construction, additions/alterations and interior and exterior renovations, including sheds, outbuildings and other structures, see Meredith Zoning Ordinance, *Article VI*. Certain items are not considered structures and do not need building permits: water wells, gates, lampposts, mailboxes, flagpoles, children's play sets, well coverings, walkways and uncovered patios.

## **Do I need a building permit to replace my windows or repaint my house?**

Normal maintenance and repair, e.g. painting, wallpapering, floor-sanding, and in-kind replacement of windows, doors, roofs or siding does not require a building permit.

## **Do I need a building permit to install solar panels or to replace a shingled roof with a standing-seam roof?**

Upgrades or alterations to energy systems, roofs, siding, etc. does require a building permit.

## **How do I know if my property is enrolled in the Current Use program?**

Current Use status is reported on your property tax card — for a copy, please contact the Assessing Department at Town Office or visit our Assessing page on the Town website.

## **What is the snow load requirement for roofs?**

Roofs must be designed for an 80-1b snow load.

## **What is the maximum building height?**

Building heights vary depending on zoning districts. Please review *Article V* of the Zoning Ordinance for reference.

## **How long do I have to finish my building project?**

The building permit expires in one year, the project must have at least 25% completed prior to a permit being renewed or extended after the one-year period.

## **When can I move in?**

You must receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the Code Enforcement Officer prior to moving in.