KITCHENS & BATHROOMS

Township of Denville
Construction Department
973.625.8300
Ext. 251 or 253
Guide For Renovating Kitchens and Bathrooms

Effective Jan. 1, 2006 all contractors performing residential home improvements are required to be registered with the State as a Home Improvement Contractor. A copy of this registration shall be submitted with each Construction Permit Application. Please see the NJ Div. of Consumer Affairs web site for further information.

http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/contractor.htm

Permits are needed for the following:

**Building**
- Add, remove or modify walls
- Add or enlarge any windows, doors or doorways
- Make any structural changes to ceiling or floor joists
- Removal or installation of sheetrock – only if amount equals 25% or more of entire interior of home
- Any notching or drilling of framing members

**Electrical**
- Add fixture/outlets switches
- Add wiring
- Change regular outlet to GFI

**Plumbing**
- Add any plumbing fixtures to room
- Install gas piping
- Move location of existing fixtures or break any traps

Complete the following forms:
- Construction folder
- Building Technical Form
- Electric Technical Form
- Plumbing Technical Form

***NOTE: If anyone other than the homeowner performs electric or plumbing work, the technical form MUST BE SEALED by a licensed contractor.

Submit three (3) sets of drawings showing room layout with windows, doors and openings. An owner may draw their own plans if they are the owner/occupant and it is a single family house. If not you must submit sealed architect drawings. The owner’s signature must be on each page.

The plans shall show before and after drawings, with walls, windows, doors, cabinets and any other building changes being made. For new walls, windows and doorways a cross section and framing detail is required. Also submit an electric diagram, plumbing riser diagram and gas piping diagram.

**Direct replacement of plumbing and electrical fixtures as well as cosmetic changes i.e. replacement of vanities, toilets, sinks, and tile do not require a permit.** If you are unsure whether or not your project needs a permit, please call our office at 973-625-8300 x 251 or 253.