

Building permits required for home improvements

City approval and a building permit are required for most home-improvement projects in Cerritos. City staff and inspectors ensure that updates to a property enhance its value and are appropriate for the neighborhood and safe for residents. Among the projects that require a permit are:

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Electrical changes
- Landscaping
- New block walls
- New fences
- New wood siding
- New windows/trim
- Painting
- Patios/Patio covers
- Paving
- Plumbing changes
- Roofing
- Room additions
- Spas
- Sprinkler systems
- Stucco work
- Swimming pools
- Water heaters

If you are considering any other home-improvement projects, contact the Community Development Department at (562) 916-1201 to find out if there are any City requirements that apply. For more information, visit the City's website at cerritos.us. Click on the "Residents" tab and go to "Home Care/Regulations." Planning approval and building permits are available online. ■