



# Did You Know?

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, when the Uniform Construction Code is in effect, you will need a building permit to replace a hot water heater and to replace your roof. You should always check first when doing a home improvement project, but the following are a few of the exceptions to the Code:

- Accessory structures, such as carports, detached garages, greenhouses and sheds if they are less than 500 square feet and is accessory to a single-family dwelling.
- Agricultural buildings.
- Manufactured housing.
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finishing work.
- Some prefabricated swimming pools.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to one- or two-family dwellings.
- Window replacement.
- Portable heating appliance.
- Portable ventilation equipment.
- Portable cooling unit.
- Replacement of water closet, lavatory or kitchen sinks.
- Replacement of domestic clothes washers and dishwashers.
- Replacement of a receptacle, switch or lighting fixture rated at 20 amps or less and operating at less than 150 volts.

The Uniform Construction Code is comprehensive. These are samples for informational purposes only. It is imperative that you contact Commonwealth Code Inspection Service (CCIS), 550 Cleveland Avenue, Chambersburg, (717) 262-0081 with any questions when planning a home improvement project. As the Township's Building Code Official, CCIS will answer all questions and complete all inspections for Building Code compliance.

