State Uniform Construction Code Building Permit Information

Washington Township property owners may contact either Lehigh Engineering, LLC or Light-Heigel & Associates for their building permit/inspection needs.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

State Uniform Construction Code Building Permits/Inspectors

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A building permit is needed to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building. A building permit is also needed to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, mechanical (including gas and/or propane) or plumbing systems regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code. Other projects that require a building permit are pools and spas, attached carports, attached decks or decks higher than 30" above grade. Retaining walls over 4' high; fences over 6' high, sidewalks and driveways that are 30" above adjacent grade or placed over a basement or story below.

The State Building Uniform Construction Code <u>excludes</u> building permits for carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds – if the structure has a building area less than 1000 square feet and is an accessory to a detached single-family dwelling. Agricultural buildings defined under Section 103 of the Uniform Construction Code are also excluded from state building code requirements. Even though the above projects are excluded from building permit requirements, a zoning permit may be needed. Before you start your building project, contact the Township office to ask if a zoning permit is needed.