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Press Release from
Town of Hanover Building Department
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When considering any home improvements, residents must consider the need for a permit by the Town of Hanover Building Department. By-laws & regulations, forms and applications can be found at our office or downloaded from our website, www.hanover-ma.gov. Permit applications must be turned in at our office at the Town of Hanover, Building Department.

Below is a list of home improvements, additions and amenities that may require a permit.

- **Sheds** - A permit is required for a shed 120 sq.ft. or larger. ALL sheds must meet residential zoning dimension regulations. Front 50', sides 20' and rear 40' from property line. Corner lot 50'+50', two sides 20'+20' no rear.
- **Siding/Roofing** - A Building permit is required. Along with an Electrical permit for any removal or changes to electrical receptacles, service boxes, etc. The house number should always be easy to locate for emergency or fire personnel.
- **Above Ground/In ground Pools:** Building Permit and an Electrical Permit required. All fencing requirements are strictly enforced. Gates are to be closed and locked at all times. Occupied or unoccupied. Alarms are required for pools entered directly from the house. Inspections are required, by Building and Electrical Inspectors.
- It is against zoning by-laws to drain/pump any access water or debris into the street.
- **Fences** - No permit is required for fence under 6' (Not including pool fence). Fencing requiring a permit must be measured at normal height from ground to over 6'.
- **Decks/Porches** - Permit required. Deck or porch must meet residential zoning dimension regulations. Front 50', sides 20' and rear 40' from property line. Corner lot 50'+50', two sides 20'+20' no rear. Inspections required.
- **Windows/Doors** - Permit is required. Replacements must meet Energy Code requirements.
- **Yard Sale Signs** – Permit required.