

# Get the Proper Permits Before Rebuilding

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Before homeowners in Caledonia, Chittenden, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor counties repair damage from the July storms, they should make sure to get all the permits needed to start work.

## Permits

Permits may be required for nearly every part of your home – from roofs, walls and siding, to plumbing, septic and heating/air conditioning systems.

The first thing to do is to meet with your local building officials. They can work with you to ensure that any permits you need are properly filed, and the necessary inspections are completed.

If you hire a contractor, be sure that their company is complying with local requirements.

## Why are Permits Needed?

Permits protect owners, residents, communities and buildings by making sure construction meets current building codes, standards, flood ordinances and construction techniques. Permits also provide a permanent record of compliance with elevation and retrofitting requirements. This is vital when selling the building or obtaining flood insurance coverage.

Local permit offices may be able to suggest ways to prepare your home or business for future disasters, as well as how to find licensed contractors and avoid unscrupulous scammers.



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