



## Why do I need a permit?

- The City of Savannah will review my plans to help ensure the design meets code requirements.
- City of Savannah inspectors will inspect the work to help ensure the job is done safely, correctly, and to code.
- The permit review process and subsequent inspections protect you, your family, friends and future owners against the potential hazards of unsafe construction. Projects that violate code can be hazardous to occupants.
- Projects that violate code can also impact a home's resale value. Many buyers don't want to buy a home that has had work done without a permit.
- Permits protect your investment, as many insurers do not pay claims on construction performed without a permit.
- Many lenders will not recognize unpermitted square footage or upgrades, thereby reducing the appraised value of your home.
- If your neighbor reports you to the city and an inspector discovers you have completed work without a permit, you may be required to remove and reconstruct and pay higher permitting fees.
- It's the law.

To review status of permits and inspections, visit <http://eTRAC.savannahga.gov>