



## WHAT REQUIRES A BUILDING PERMIT?

Land Use Department  
970.626.9775

Mailing Address: PO Box 28, Ridgway CO 81432  
Physical Address: 111 Mall Road, Ridgway CO

### What does **NOT** require a building permit?

- **Tool sheds** (used exclusively/only for storing tools that are 200 square feet or less)
- **Play houses** (for kids) that are 200 square feet or less
- **Fences** that are 7 feet high or less
- **Greenhouse** “kits”, such as the ones purchased at Home Depot/Lowes that do not exceed 200 square feet in size.
- **Yurts, tents, tee-pees** – note that the platform may or may not require a permit per requirements below
- **Yurt platforms** that are on constructed grade.
  - No footers. No soil disturbance.
  - May be placed on RV jacks or pocket blocks, that rest directly on the ground (ie. no subgrade footings).
  - Must be less than 30” above grade.
- **Yurt Fold-Out Deck** – Purchased from yurt supplier.
  - No footers. No soil disturbance.
  - May be placed on RV jacks or pocket blocks.
  - Must be less than 30’ above grade.
- **Flag Poles**
- **Retaining Walls** that are less than 4-feet in height
- **Certain Agricultural Structures** – 35 Acres +, not in a Subdivision, Ag. Taxing status, used exclusively for Ag.

### What requires a building permit, but not an engineered foundation?

- **Greenhouse** structures that are between 200 and 499 square feet
- **Yurt platforms** when:
  - There is soil disturbance and/or a poured foundation of any kind; and/or
  - When the platform is 30” or greater above grade.
- **Tool sheds** and other premanufactured buildings that are 200 - 499 square-feet in size\*.
  - \*Note that any dwelling unit will require an engineered foundation – Tiny homes are not excluded from that requirement.

### What requires a building permit and an engineered foundation?

- **Greenhouse** structures that are 500 square feet or larger
- **Yurt platforms** when the deck requires a poured foundation of any kind & the foundation design must be stamped by an engineer licensed in the State of Colorado. (Please note that special regulations apply to structures that are to be built on patented mining claims above 9,480’ in elevation)
- **Tool sheds** and other premanufactured buildings that are over 500 square feet in size
- **Retaining Walls** that are greater than 4-feet in height
- **Fencing** that is greater than 7-feet in height
- **All Structures with Habitable Space** (regardless of size)
- **All other construction** (single family homes, accessory structures, etc.)