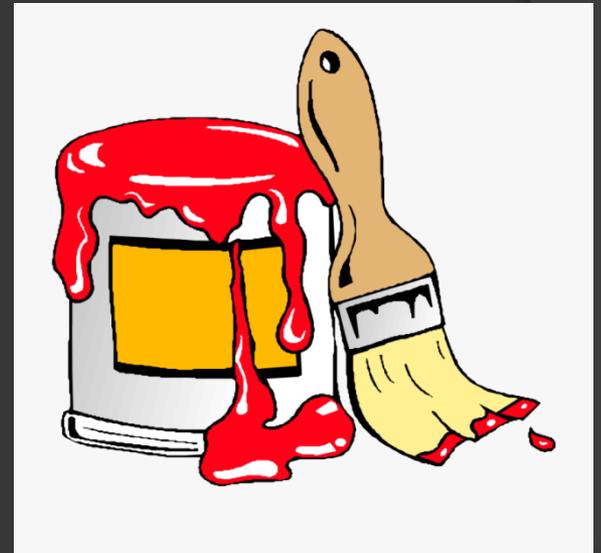# Doing upgrades,
what requires a permit?

Before you start work

- Each property is unique

- Each situation is different

- Talk with a City inspector

- Not every situation requires a permit but every situation should be discussed with the City inspector

- Residential units only

- Previous history

Building Work

- Who can obtain a building permit?

- Adding a closet?

- Adding a wall?

- Adding a room (bedroom/bathroom/den/etc.)?

- New carpet, paint, tiling, flooring, or cabinetry?

Building Work

- Replacing stair treads?

- Replacing a stair stringer?

- Replacing what was there?

- Replacing decking?

- Replacing porch posts?

- Replacing handrails or guardrails?

Plumbing Work

- Who can obtain plumbing permits?

- Replacing a fixture (toilet, sink, kitchen sink)?

- Replacing supply and drain lines?
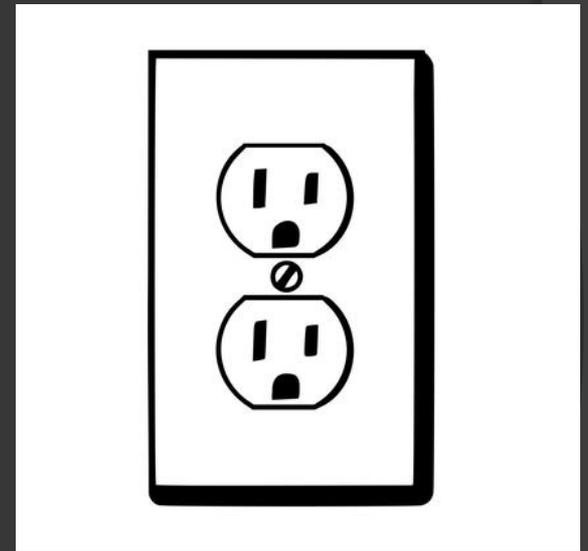
- Replacing a trap?

- Replacing valves?

Plumbing Work

- Replacing a water heater?

- Replacing or adding an expansion tank?

- Adding a refrigerator with an ice maker?

- Adding a gas line for a furnace, stove, or water heater?
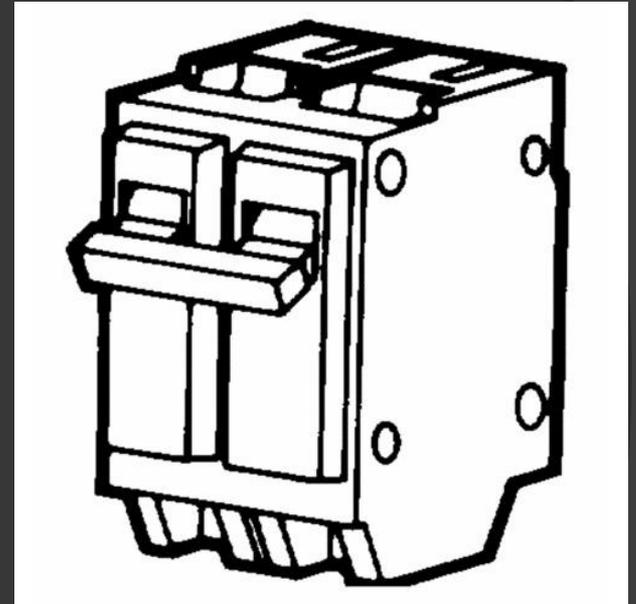
- Removing an oil tank?

Electrical Work

- Who can obtain electrical permits?

- Is knob and tube wiring allowed?

- Replacing existing outlets/receptacles?

- Changing an existing outlet/receptacle to a GFCI?

- Adding an outlet/receptacle?

Electrical Work

- Grounding an outlet/receptacle?

- Adding a countertop outlet/receptacle?

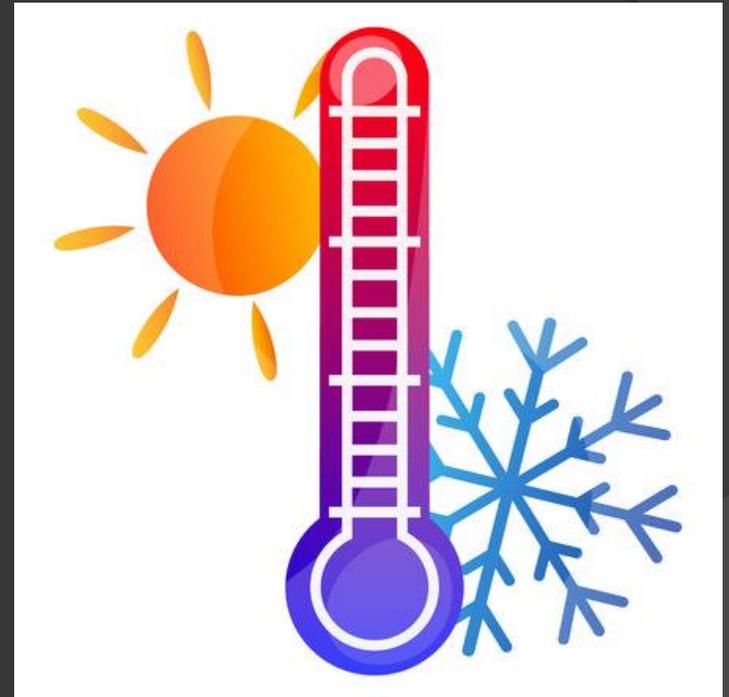- Replacing a breaker?

- Adding a junction box?

Electrical Work

- Outlet over an electric baseboard heater?

- Hardwired smoke alarm needs moved?

- Need an emergency cut-off switch?

Mechanical Work

- Who can obtain mechanical permits?

- Replacing an HVAC system, a push/pull replacement?

- Replacing an existing exhaust fan?

- Replacing an existing kitchen hood? (Residential)

- Changing venting?

Summary

- Some common scenarios

- If you have a question about needing a permit, call our office
  - 301-739-8577 ext. 123

- Each situation is different, several factor

Questions?

Click or tap the Q&A button to submit questions

or

Email questions to codecompliance@hagerstownmd.org