



City of Oakley
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A Helping Hand with Home Projects

Welcome to the neighborhood!

As you settle into your new home, the Community Development Department wants you to know that we're here to help when it's time to tailor your home to your needs. We'd like to offer some helpful resources while you're considering your home improvement projects. Here is some information you may find useful, and please feel free to stop by our offices Monday through Thursday before Noon or contact our Team by phone or email at 925-625-7005 or Inspections@ci.oakley.ca.us

Building Permits - Our team is here to help you get through the Building Permit process as smoothly as possible. A building permit is a document issued by a local government to authorize construction or alterations on a structure. When you apply for a permit, the local government reviews it to ensure the project complies with federal, state, and local laws, including land use and construction standards. The review typically covers structural integrity, fire safety, utilities, and accessibility. Additional permits may be required for specific aspects like electrical, plumbing, or mechanical work. Getting permits also allows you to avoid the headache of needing to disclose unpermitted work should you one day sell your home. Sheds under 120 square feet do not require a building permit unless you plan on installing electrical work or plumbing. However, it must meet setback requirements. **Patio covers and carports typically DO require permits, regardless of size.** Please contact us to discuss your project before construction begins or visit our website at <https://www.ci.oakley.ca.us> for additional information. For questions, please call 925-625-7005 or email Inspections@ci.oakley.ca.us

Driveways - The City requires that no more than 50% of the front area of a residential lot be paved. Additionally, **widening is NOT allowed on the "front door side" of the driveway.** Any add-on to an existing driveway must be connected to the home's main driveway and it may be used for parking, or to access a side yard. We also require that the additional driveway area consists of a matching material to the original driveway or a decorative solid material. We recommend contacting the Community Development Department before pouring to confirm the plans meet the municipal code and to avoid costly concrete or paver removal. For Driveway information, please call 925-625-7160.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We are happy to assist you, and we hope you enjoy living in the City of Oakley as much as we enjoy serving its residents.

Oakley's Municipal Code allows driveway expansions on the side of the driveway closest to a property line, up to 25' in total width or 50% of the lot width, whichever is greater.

