

Why Do You Need Permits, Anyway?

1. The **biggest** reason why permits are necessary is **SAFETY**. By insuring that construction activities meet standards as set forth by St. Tammany Parish and the State of Louisiana, you can be assured your family and your property will be safe.
2. The **second** reason to permit all work is to effectively have your property insured. If a structure is built on your property without the proper permits and storm damage occurs, not only may insurance not pay for the damage, any automobiles, boats or other property within the unpermitted structure may not be eligible for insurance.
3. The **third** reason to permit all work would occur if the property was ever sold. If an addition or a new structure was put on the property, all proof of building the structure to code needs to be provided to the buyer. If a structure is built with the attempt to raise the value of the property, but is never permitted, it can actually decrease potential value.

Where Do You Live?

1. **Flood Zone Maps** – Verify what flood zone you are building in on the flood zone map. This will be important for the Engineering, Residential Permit Data Form.

Where to Get Permits

Are you building residential or commercial?

Mandeville Location – 21490 Koop Dr.

898-2574

Fax 898-2785

ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS

WEST ST TAMMANY RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

Slidell Location – 61134 Military Road

646-4166

Fax 646-4174

EAST ST TAMMANY RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

Who Files For Permits in St. Tammany?

In St. Tammany Parish, **contractors** and **subcontractors** must be licensed and registered with the State of Louisiana and St. Tammany Parish.

If a **general contractor** or **subcontractor** is doing work on the house, they must file for permits.

If the **homeowner** is acting as his own contractor, he must file for his own permits.

What Are You Building?

Accessory Structure – storage shed, cabana, garage, carport, gazebo

Addition – to an existing residence

New Residence – brand new house

Remodel – work done within an existing residence

(All of these require a residential permit)