
DO I NEED A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE?

The following construction related work *can* be performed in the UNINCORPORATED area of Sarasota County without holding a contractor license:

- Painting (Except when advertised as waterproofing)
- Stucco
- Floor and wall tile, rugs, carpeting or wood floor installation
- Wallpaper and other wall covering (*Except Assembly, Day Care, and Institutional Occupancies*)
- Replacing kitchen cabinets or countertops
- Non-structural siding placed over existing siding/sheathing (*1 & 2 Family Dwellings only*)
- Driveways, decks, patios on grade without footers (*Any material*)
- Drywall (*less than 3 sheets*)
- Safety grab bars in baths
- Rescreening
- Mowing and lawn maintenance
- Pool cleaning (chemical only, no equipment replacement)

If you want to perform construction work that is not listed above, and you are not sure if it requires a license contact Licensing at licensing@scgov.net.

The following cannot be done without holding the appropriate contractor license in the UNINCORPORATED area of Sarasota County:

- Construction, alteration, or replacement of exterior walls
- Enclosing existing carports, porches and screen rooms
- Construction of raised decks (*Any material above grade*)
- Any construction which alters the size of a building
- Replacement of columns, beams, floor and roof structure components
- Privacy walls constructed of masonry or engineered Styrofoam walls
- Repairs and replacement of interior or exterior stairs and/or guardrails
- Electrical, plumbing, air-conditioning when altering, adding or deleting to or from the system

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- Interior load bearing and non-load bearing walls, alteration or replacements or removal
 - Replacement of windows, doors, garage doors and hurricane shutters alteration or replacements
 - Roof replacement of any roofing component
 - Storage or utility sheds
 - Docks, Seawalls and Bulkheads
 - Fire repairs (*If repairs fall into the above categories*)
 - Irrigation
 - Pool installation, repair and service
 - Demolition

If you want to perform construction work that is not listed above, this does not mean that a contractor license is not required. This is only an overview of the most commonly known types of construction work performed in the unincorporated area of Sarasota County.

To register a license, find more information, or obtain permitting & licensing forms, please visit our website at: <https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services>.