The Protective Inspection Division works with property owners, tenants, and contractors to ensure new construction and alterations to existing structures are code compliant.

Building Permits must be obtained before beginning any work that requires a permit. The qualified person responsible for the doing the work must submit an application for the required permits, which may include zoning, building, plumbing, mechanical, or electrical permits.

**THE FOLLOWING WORK REQUIRES PERMITS:**

- **New construction, remodeling, additions or alterations to existing structures, such as:**
  - decks
  - siding
  - windows
  - swimming pools
  - retaining walls
  - basement finish
  - garages
  - roofing
  - fences (over 7 ft)
  - demolition
  - entry doors
  - sheds (over 200 sq. ft)
  - porches
  - garage door replacement
  - pole barns

- **Any replacement, alteration, or moving of appliances and fixtures, such as:**
  - water heaters
  - air conditioners
  - gas clothes dryers
  - ranges
  - gas fireplaces
  - water softeners
  - exhaust fans
  - water treatment systems

- **All mechanical, plumbing, electrical, water and sewer work new or replacement, such as:**
  - fire protection systems
  - mechanical vents/ductwork
  - water supply piping
  - irrigation systems
  - drain, waste, and vent
  - gas piping
  - fixture replacement (excluding toilets and faucets for sinks within single, or two, family dwellings)
  - electrical devices/fixtures (outlets, switches, light fixtures)

Many informational handouts are available at Burnsville City Hall, or at www.burnsvillemn.gov, to assist you with questions on permits and construction of accessory structures, decks, porches, swimming pools, and fences, for example.