

## Permit Requirements for Building in Marion County

A Building Permit starts the building process in the unincorporated portions of Marion County. All new buildings, or expansion of existing buildings, require a Building Permit. When in doubt call the Zoning Office at 641-828-2243 or email [mpoffenbarger@co.marion.ia.us](mailto:mpoffenbarger@co.marion.ia.us) to verify whether any permitting is required.

**For a new building on a property without a 911 address, an address will be generated as part of the Building Permit process.**

All newly constructed homes or buildings with any type of waste water facilities are required to obtain a septic permit from the Marion County Environmental Health department. Reconnection to an existing septic system will require a review inspection and permit. You may contact Environmental Health at 641-828-2238 extension 250 or 251, or by emailing [bmohler@marionph.org](mailto:bmohler@marionph.org) or [cfrank@marionph.org](mailto:cfrank@marionph.org). Additional information is available on the [Marion County web site](#) including the complete [Code of Ordinances](#) for Marion County.

All new homes are required to be wired by a certified electrician and inspected by the State of Iowa. Other electrical work may be done by homeowners but may require an inspection. The State website with the requirements is [www.iowaelectrical.gov](http://www.iowaelectrical.gov).

Marion County also advises to check with your mortgage lender and insurance company for any requirements they may have.

Contacting Marion County **BEFORE** you start building to find out the requirements will help the building process go more smoothly with less chance of delays.

Marion County Zoning Department