

## **DO I NEED A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE?**

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

- Painting (*Except when advertised as water proofing*)
- Stucco
- Floor and wall tile, rugs, carpeting or wood floor installation
- Wall paper 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
- Safety grab bars in baths
- Rescreening
- Mowing and lawn maintenance on existing properties not associated with new construction
- Pool cleaning (chemical only, no equipment replacement)

Sarasota County currently does not issue a Handyman Contractor License. However, an occupational license may be required, please see your local Tax Collectors office at 861-8300. If you want to perform construction work that is not listed above, and you are not sure if it requires a license contact Licensing Department.

**The following cannot be done without holding the appropriate contractor license in the Un-Incorporated 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
- 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*)
- Landscaping (*new installations on new construction only*)
- 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 Un-incorporated area of Sarasota County. If you want to perform construction work that is not listed above, and you are not sure if it requires a license contact Licensing Department. To register a license, find more information or obtain permitting & licensing forms, please visit our website at: <https://building.scgov.net>*

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