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AT-HOME MAINTENANCE FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEASON

The closing of recreational pools, the anticipation of school clothes shopping, kids bartering with parents to get the latest and greatest supply lists, all while parents are scrambling to make sure that their child/children has all of the necessities, summarizes that it is the beginning of a new school year!

Let's make sure that the kids are ready for a productive school year and better yet safe, secure and comfortable while at home getting ready for school. Here are some Village Hall "Back 2 School" Building Department topics that we want all residents to be cognizant of. Let's create an environment of a safe and comfortable living and learning space inside the home.

INDOOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- **Filters:** Heating & Ventilation, change filters throughout your home such as furnace, air conditioner, stove vents, dryers and fans.
- **Water Sources:** Check your faucets in the bathrooms, kitchen and laundry room for leaks and repairs.
- **Fireplace:** Perform regularly scheduled maintenance by way of inspections and cleaning. Flues should be clear of any obstructions, and the damper should be opening and closing properly.
- **Hot Water Tank:** Drain and inspect the tank, check for rust water being removed from the tank. Evident rust water means that the tank may be ready to be replaced.
- **Windows:** Check windows and doors to ensure the seal and caulk are in good condition.
- **Safety First:** Check that smoke/fire alarms and Carbon Monoxide detectors are present and in good working condition.
- **Door Locks:** Remember NO double keyed locks. Use of a key to unlock a door is dangerous and not recommended.
- **Electrical:** Ensure that all electrical outlets are in good working condition. Children like to plug all their electronics into the same outlets. Let's make sure not to overload those circuits.
- **Lighting:** Kids need proper and consistent lighting. Regularly replace the old technology of incandescent bulbs with newer energy efficient, LED lights for a warmer and brighter light.
- **Parental Guidance Controls:** Parents, with today's technology make sure you place some security/ locks on wifi to monitor usage and control TV settings.



Creating a good workspace helps your student focus, complete work efficiently, and separate school time from relaxation!

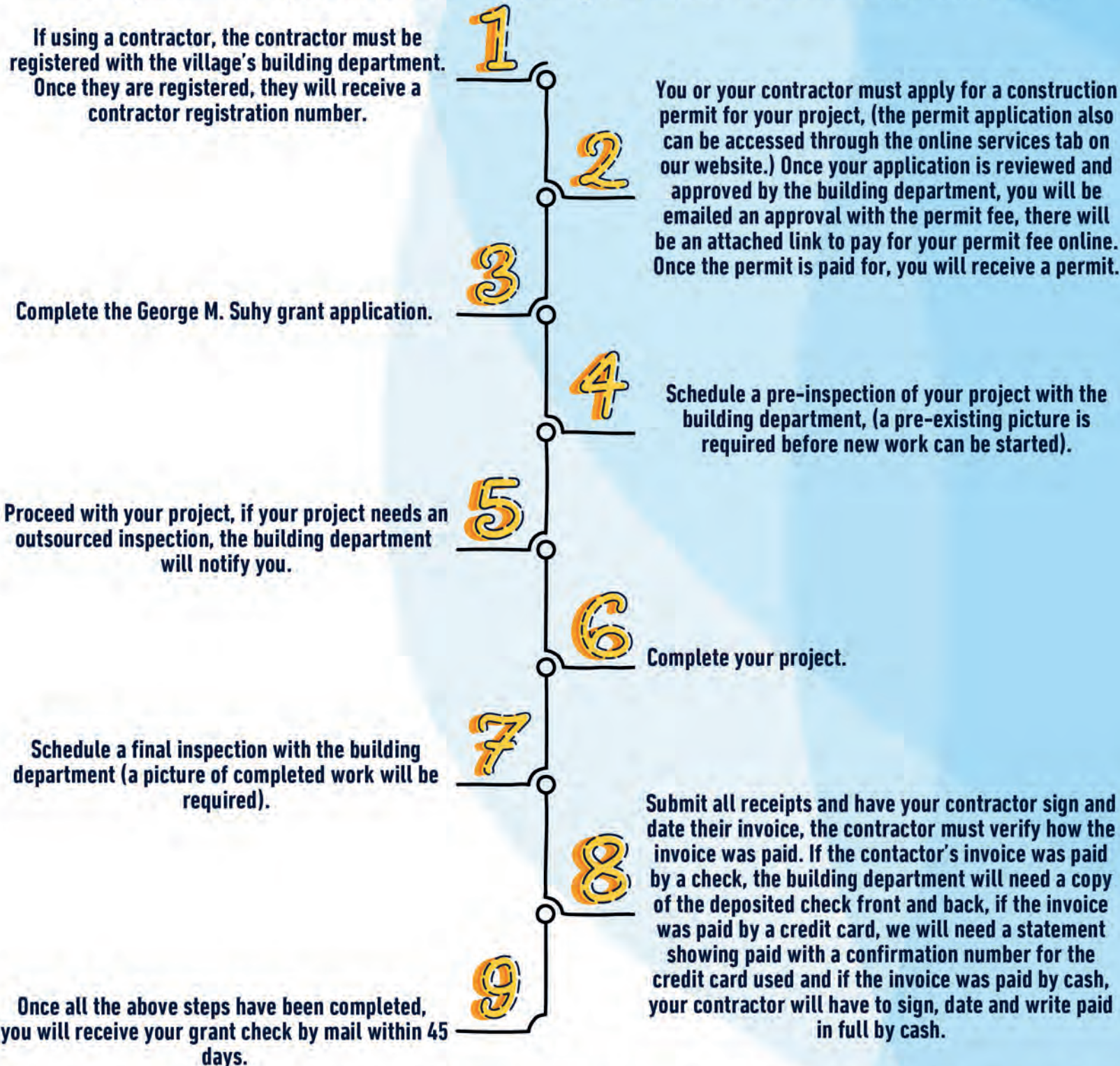
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The building department is available to assist with permits, inspections, and property maintenance questions.



The George M. Suhy Grant Program

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Please note: If you do not have access to a computer, please call the building department and we can schedule a time when you can come into the village hall, and we will assist you in filling the application out on a village computer. Please call 216-641-7020 to schedule with the building department Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.