



VoCH Building Department

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Giving Thanks & Preparing for Winter

Dear Residents and Partners,

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, the building department wants to express our sincere gratitude to our community. We are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to work alongside homeowners, local businesses, and contractors to keep our village growing, beautiful, and—most importantly—safe.

As the autumn leaves finish falling and the winter chill sets in, November is the perfect time to tackle a few seasonal safety checks around your home.

Quick Home Tips for Thanksgiving & Winter Prep

- **Safe Holiday Cooking:** Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for home cooking fires. Remember to keep a fire extinguisher nearby, test your smoke alarms, and never leave an active stove or oven unattended.
- **Winterizing Your Pipes:** Avoid the headache of frozen, burst pipes. Take a moment this month to disconnect outdoor garden hoses, shut off indoor valves leading outside, and insulate pipes in unheated areas like basements or crawlspaces.
- **Clear the Gutters:** Clogged gutters can lead to ice dams and severe roof leaks once the snow starts flying. Ensure your gutters and downspouts are clear of fall leaves.

Permit Reminders: Shifting Indoors

With the colder weather arriving, outdoor construction may be winding down, but indoor home improvements are ramping up!

Thinking of remodeling your kitchen, finishing your basement, or upgrading your heating system this winter?

- Please remember that most major interior structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing projects require a building permit.
- Filing your permits early helps avoid delays so your winter projects can stay on schedule.

Did You Know?

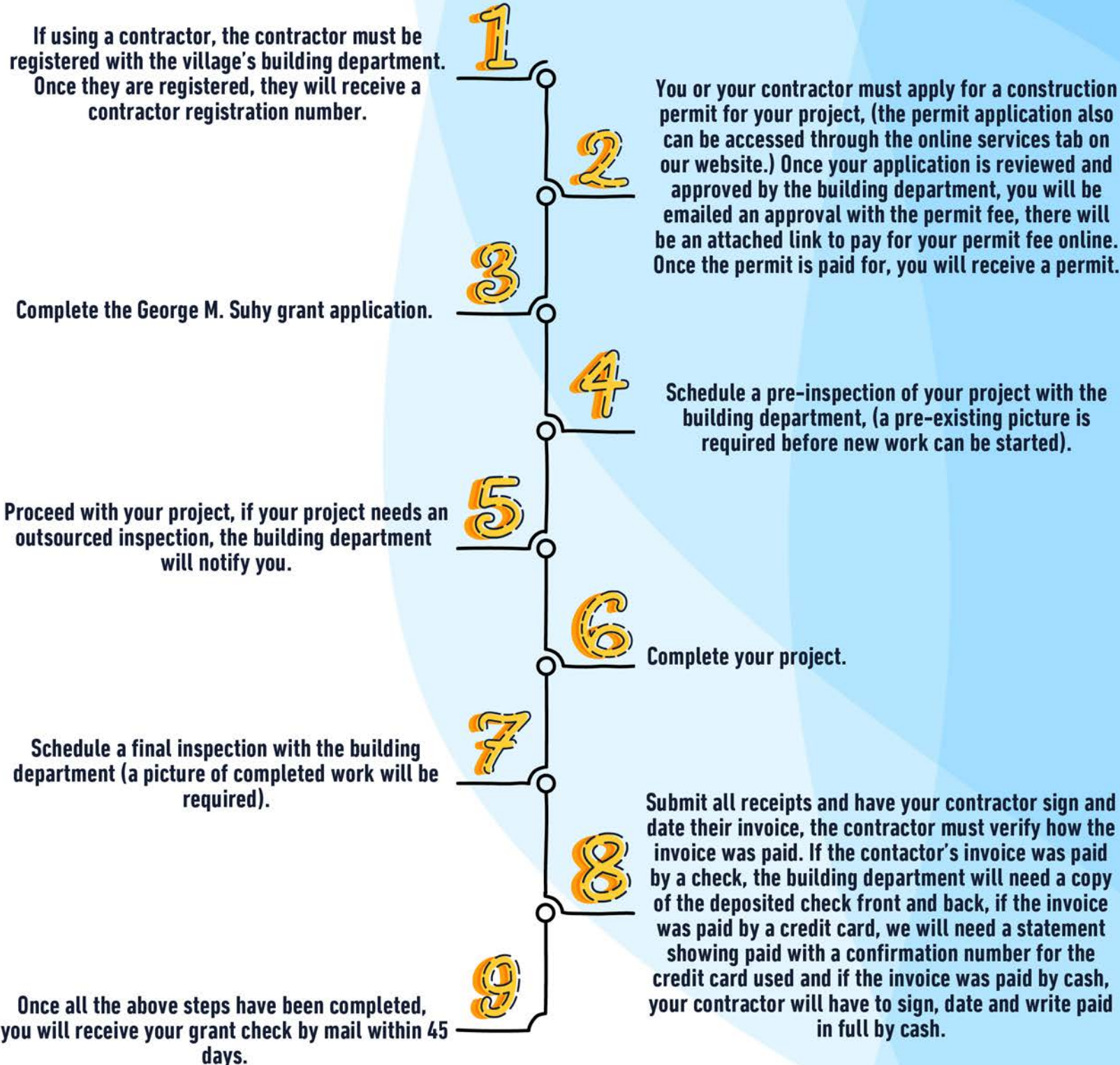
Expiring Building Permits may be eligible for an extension if you contact the building department to request an extension to complete your project at a later date.





The George M. Suhy Grant Program

The process is now done online through our website at www.cuyahogaheights.gov, click on the online services tab at the top of the page and scroll down to Suhy grant application. This is where you will start your application for your grant. Please follow the steps listed below:



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.