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## **E-permitting available in Newberg, Yamhill County**

*State online building permit program now includes 17 cities and counties*

(Newberg) — Buying building permits from Newberg and Yamhill County just got a lot easier.

The county has recently joined the state's online building permit program, and the city of Newberg will do the same June 11. This means contractors can buy simple permits from them any time of the day or night, seven days a week at [www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov](http://www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov).

"Yamhill County is always researching ways to make doing business with our county easier and more convenient," said John Stalcup, Yamhill County building official. "The state of Oregon's e-permitting program provides an efficient online process for our customers to utilize at their convenience."

The site, hosted by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services' Building Codes Division, allows contractors to apply and pay for multiple permits from multiple jurisdictions in one transaction. Newberg and Yamhill County are the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> building departments in the state to offer over-the-counter electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits through [www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov](http://www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov). Other cities and counties that offer the e-permitting service include Marion County, Medford, Cannon Beach, Corvallis, Eugene, Lane County, and several in the Portland metro area.

"The city of Newberg is very proud to take part in the new e-permitting program," said Brooks Bateman, Newberg building official. "We are always looking for new ways to streamline the permitting process; naturally, with the movement toward online services, we think that e-permitting will be great way to help serve our community."

The e-permitting program is part of Gov. Kulongoski's regulatory streamlining initiative. The Governor recently signed into law House Bill 2405, which will expand the existing program to create the nation's first comprehensive statewide e-building program, and allow contractors to conduct more building department activities, such as receiving plan approval and scheduling inspections, online, morning, noon, and night, with any city or county in the state.

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The Building Codes Division, part of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, provides building code development, administration, inspection, plan review, licensing, and permit services to the construction industry to help ensure the safe and effective construction of structures in Oregon.

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