



## **Building Permits for Decks**

Building permits are required for all decks. This guide applies to residential decks.

### **Step 1: See Customer Assistance Guide (CAG) #3**

Use the “On Demand” Process for obtaining a Building Permit. Bring a plot plan drawn to a scale showing the existing house with the proposed deck and dimensions including its relative position to your property lines. If the house is not served by public water and/or sewer, include the well and/or septic system in your drawing. If your property is served by a private well and/or septic system (even if no plumbing is involved in the construction) the Health Department will need to review your proposal. It is not guaranteed to be an on-demand review with their agency.

### **Step 2: Permit Issued**

Upon issuance of your deck permit you will be provided a Building Permit Placard for you to post on your property to identify the location of the deck construction. You will also be provided with CAG #21 and an inspection application form. Please follow the CAG #21 instructions as they pertain to “staking and flagging the lot,” filling out the inspection application form and paying the applicable inspection fee. The fee and completed form must be on file with the inspection agency 24 hours prior to requesting your footing inspection.

### **Step 3: Building and Electrical Inspections -**

Construction must conform to the County building code, currently the International Residential Code (IRC 2018). Electrical work must comply with the NEC 2023. For information pertaining to the Building Inspections, please contact MDIA, 301-884-4547.