



REGULATIONS GOVERNING

**PERMITTING UTILITIES TO  
EXEMPT DETACHED ACCESSORY  
USE BUILDINGS**

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This bulletin is not intended to cover every aspect of the construction codes, **only to give direction for typical RV Park installations.** Individual Parks may have special or additional requirements.

## **I. Building Permits**

**Exemptions:** A building permit is not required for single story detached accessory buildings used as tool or storage sheds; playhouses and similar non-habitable uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.

\*A building where a golf cart or similar motorized vehicle is parked is a garage and **not exempt from building permits.**

Any type of utility work performed requires a mechanical, plumbing or electrical permit (MP&E).

**Note:** Exemption from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

## **II. MP&E (Mechanical, Plumbing, & Electrical) Permits**

### **Submittal Requirements:**

Application for an MP&E Permit shall include:

- Completed Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical application.
- The name, address, and license number of the contractor doing the work, unless the owner is doing his or her own work.
- Two sets of drawings of work to be done (8 1/2 x 11 is acceptable).
- All work shall comply with the current adopted codes: **2011 NEC, 2012 IMC, 2012 IPC and 2012 IFGC**

## **III. Electrical Installations**

**Lighting (210.70):** One wall switch-controlled lighting outlet shall be installed for the interior and one for the exterior side of outdoor entrance.

**Receptacles (210.52G):** At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed and all 15 and 20 amp receptacles shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection (GFCI) except those that are dedicated to appliances and are not readily accessible.

**Exposed Wiring (334.15):** Exposed romex in walls may be run in open framing providing that the romex is run parallel to the studs, fastened securely and positioned in the center of the framing member up to the point of top of wall. Perpendicular runs will need additional 2X blocking, or by other means, for protection of romex between framing members. **Exposed wires not allowed in playhouses and similar structures designed for children.**

**Subpanels (250.32):** Subpanels require a grounding electrode and equipment grounding conductor to be installed. This means a 4 wire system (example: 50 amp = 2 #6 cu, 1 #8 neutral cu & 1 #10 gr.cu.). Neutral conductors must be isolated from the ground and a grounding rod installed to ground the panel at the structure. Metal structures will be required to be bonded to subpanel along with any metallic water piping.

**Disconnects (230.71):** A main breaker is required if more than 6 circuit breakers are installed.

## IV. Trenching

**Table 300.5:** Direct burial cable (type UF) is not permitted as service-entrance cable. Utility underground installations minimum cover requirements are as follows:

**Electric:**

- 6" depth for rigid metal conduit. (EMT conduit is not allowed to be buried)
- 18" depth for nonmetallic conduit (sch. 40 PVC).
- 24" depth for direct burial cable (type USE) listed for use.

**Water:**

- 12" depth.

**Gas:**

- 12" for coated black iron
- 18" for approved plastic

**Sewer:**

- Protected from physical damage and maintain a minimum fall of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " per foot.

**Note:** Electrical and water lines may be run in same trench providing a horizontal separation can be maintained.