



The Home Improvement Law defines "home improvement" as the addition to or alteration, conversion, improvement, modernization, remodeling, repair, or replacement of a building or part of a building that is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling place or a structure adjacent to that building; or an improvement to land adjacent to the building. For more information, please call MHIC at 410-230-6231 or e-mail DLOPLMHIC-LABOR@maryland.gov.

Interior of Residence

- Carpentry
- Central vacuum systems
- Built-in closet organizers
- Marble
- Home theatre construction
- Painting
- Plastering

Exterior of Residence

- Awnings
- Bricklaying
- Driveways
- Excavating
- Fences
- Flagstone
- Grading
- Gravel driveways
- Gutters and downspouts
- House structural lifting & reattachment
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Patios
- Paving
- Masonry pointing
- Sidewalks
- Siding
- Railings
- Roofs
- Sod (when landscaping)
- Stairs
- Stucco

Accessibility Features

- Chair lifts for stairs
- Overhead lift systems (permanently mounted)
- Ramps

Cleaning and Treatments

- Acid treatment
- Acoustical treatment (permanently mounted)
- Lead paint abatement
- Radon gas mitigation
- Sandblasting
- Sealants
- Waterproofing

Doors and Windows

- Doors
- Screens
- Skylights
- Stained glass
- Shutters (exterior)
- Storm doors
- Storm windows
- Window tinting
- Windows

Energy Conservation

- Insulation
- Solar panel systems
- Windmills

Fire

- Chimney repairs
- Fire alarm systems
- Fire escapes
- Fireplaces

Floors and Walls

- Caulking
- Ceilings
- Drywall
- Floating floors
- Linoleum
- Paneling
- Terrazzo
- Tile
- Wallpapering
- Wall coverings (permanent)
- Floor coverings (carpet not included)

Metal/Stone/Marble (exposed)

- Metal
- Masonry
- Ornamental railings
- Stone/Stone-cast

Kitchen and Bath

- Bathroom
- Cabinets
- Kitchen
- Shower and bath enclosures
- Sinks and countertops
- Tile
- Vanities

Pools/Hot Tubs

- Hot tubs - permanent
- Pools
- Pool covers
- Pool houses

Structures

- Carports
- Club rooms
- Decks
- Fallout shelters
- Foundations
- Garages
- Piers (non-marine)
- Pole buildings
- Porch enclosures
- Porches
- Retaining walls

Contractor's applying for a building permit for the above scope of work must have a Maryland Home Improvement License (MHIC) and an Ocean City Business License.

*For more information and licensing requirements: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic/mhicwhatishi.shtml>
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Applications submitted without these credentials will be delayed.