

Tips from your Building Department

- BE SURE.....** Decide what improvements and conveniences are most needed and desired for your enjoyment and better living.
- TAX INCREASE.....** Exterior improvements, general maintenance and remodeling of rooms you are now using will NOT increase your taxes.
- PRICE.....** Get two or three estimates from reputable contractors for your anticipated project. They should carefully estimate labor and material costs.
- DON'T RUSH.....** Avoid snap judgements. Obtain references from neighbors who have selected other contractors and were pleased with their performance.
- AGREEMENT.....** Your contractor should give you a written agreement on plans, specifications, costs, starting date and completion date.
- HOME REMODELING.....** Homeowners who do their own remodeling must obtain permits required from the Building Department. Contractors are responsible for obtaining permits for work done for homeowners.
- QUALIFICATIONS.....** Contact the Building Department to verify that your selected contractor is currently licensed and/or registered.
- PERMIT RESPONSIBILITY..** Person to whom a permit has been issued shall be responsible for installing all work to at least minimum code standards and in a good workmanlike manner.
- BUILDING CODE.....** The purpose of the Regional Dwelling House Code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, health, property and the public welfare. Any and all planned improvements must follow this code. Copies of the current code are available at either the Cuyahoga County Public Library (Bay Village branch) or Bay Village City Hall.