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## **Do I need a building permit when the structure is used agriculturally?**

Yes, you do need a permit, and it's called a site permit. If you are in the unincorporated area of Jo Daviess County, you will need to get your site permit from the County Building & Zoning Office. Applications are available at the office in Hanover and available to download off of the County website at [www.jodaviess.org](http://www.jodaviess.org).

The Building & Zoning Office will review your site permit application for compliance with the County's setback and floodplain regulations. If you are constructing a qualifying agricultural structure, there is no fee for your site permit. Once the site permit has been issued, you may begin construction.

The Jo Daviess County Board has recently amended the fee structure for certain fees in the Building & Zoning Department. The site permit for a qualifying agricultural structure remains at no cost, but, a penalty fee of \$150.00 is now in place, should an agricultural construction project begin without a site permit.

"So, please inquire about your site permit before you begin your project, it is in everyone's best interest" said Jo Daviess County Building & Zoning Administrator, Linda Delvaux. The office number for the Building & Zoning Office is 815-591-3810.

"We are looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the contractors and landowners in Jo Daviess County in the upcoming year" said Delvaux.