

Building Permits and MOE's Renewable Energy Approvals (REA)

| System | Details | Building Permit | REA |
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| Wind Turbine | Building mounted (Permit Submission 1, 2, 4.a, 4.b, 4.c) | Yes | No |
| | Free standing with capacity ≤3kW | No | No |
| | Free standing with capacity > 3 kW (Permit Submission 1, 2, 3, 4.a, 4.c) | Yes | Yes |
| Solar Photovoltaic | Building mounted (Permit Submission 1, 2, 4.a, 4b, 4.c) | Yes | No |
| | Free standing with capacity ≤12kW | No | No |
| | Free standing with capacity >12kW | No | Yes |
| Solar Water Heating | Serving a building (Permit Submission 1, 2, 4.a, 4b, 4.c, 4.d) | Yes | No |
| Solar Air Heating | Serving a building (Permit Submission 1, 2, 4.a, 4b, 4.c, 4.d) | Yes | No |
| Geothermal System | Horizontal system (Permit Submission 1, 2, 4.a, 4.d) | Yes | No |
| | Vertical system (Permit Submission 1, 2, 4.a, 4.d) | Yes | Yes |

Permit Submission:

- Permit Application Form, Owner's Authorization Form, and Schedule 1 for BCIN designers
- 2. Building permit application fees: See **Permit Fees** document
- 3. Renewable Energy Approval (REA) if required
- 4. Technical documents (two sets of hard copies)
 - a. Site plan: plans showing property lines, all buildings and structures on the property, right-of way setbacks, easements and utility rights-of way, if any.
 - b. Architectural: plans and elevations showing the placement of the facility.
 - c. Structural: roof structural plans, sections and details of the facility connections to the building structure, calculations if applicable.
 - d. Mechanical: HVAC layouts, plumbing layouts, schematic diagram, and calculations, if applicable.

Note: All technical documents shall be prepared by appropriate qualified designers, such as P.Eng., OAA, BCIN, P. Geo.

Code References

Ontario Building Code

Part of Division A, Sentence 1.1.2.2.(2) states:

(h) Subject to Articles 1.1.2.6. and 1.3.1.2., Part 4 of Division B applies to a structure that supports a wind turbine generator having a rated output of more than 3 kW.

Part of Division A, Sentence 1.3.1.1.(1) states:

The following structures are designated for the purposes of clause (d) of the definition of building in subsection 1(1) of the Act:

- (f) a solar collector that is mounted on a building and has a face area equal to or greater than 5 m², and
- (g) a structure that supports a wind turbine generator having a rated output of more than 3 kW.

Part of Division A, Sentence 1.4.1.3.(1)(a) states:

For the purposes of section 8 of the Act, applicable law means, the statutory requirements in the following provisions with respect to the following matters:

(vi.1) Section 47.3 of the Environmental Protection Act with respect to the issuance of a renewable energy approval.

Building Code Act

Part of Subsection 1.(1) states:

(d) In this Act, **building** means structures designated in the building code.

For more information regarding renewable energy please visit the following websites:

www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca www.ene.gov.on.ca www.mei.gov.on.ca

For renewable energy approval (REA) applications please contact:

Ministry of Environment York-Durham District Office

Toll free: 1-800-376-4547

Tel: (905) 427-5600 Fax: (905) 427-5602

For more information regarding building permit applications, please contact:

Building Permit and Inspection Services

City of Oshawa

Tel: (905) 436-5658 Fax: (905) 436-3857 www.oshawa.ca