



Guide to Residential and Commercial Generator Permits

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Accela Guide to New Residential and Commercial Generator Permits

Use this guide to identify the generator permit record type and prepare the minimum information listed below. Project-specific conditions may require additional documents. Selecting an incorrect record type may delay your permit.

Start an online permit application

1. Visit the Accela permitting portal, by clicking [here](#) and sign into your account or to create a new account.

The image shows a 'Sign In' form with two input fields: 'USERNAME OR EMAIL: *' and 'PASSWORD: *'. Below the password field is a link for 'Forgot Password?'. A blue 'SIGN IN' button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Remember me on this device' and a link for 'Not Registered? CREATE AN ACCOUNT'.

2. Once logged in, click on New and select Building Permit from the drop-down menu.

The image shows the top navigation bar of the Accela portal. It includes links for Home, Search, New, Request, Help, and Return to Tampa.gov. The 'New' dropdown menu is open, showing options for Building Permit, Planning Application, Right of Way and Easements, and Right of Way Permit. A red box highlights the 'Building Permit' option.

3. Read the Conditions & Use for Online Services, click box to accept the terms, then click on **Continue Application**.

The image shows a form titled 'Conditions & Use For Online Services'. It contains text about the City of Tampa's online payment services and their availability. Below the text is a checkbox with the label 'I have read and accepted the above terms.' and a blue 'Continue Application »' button. Red arrows point to the checkbox and the button.



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4. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** When selecting a Record Type **DO NOT** Select “Miscellaneous Permit” for Generator Permits. Selecting an incorrect record type may delay your permit.
5. Click on **Generator Permits** and select either Commercial or Residential for your project.
 - Residential: Electric (for Generator with Gas Pipe)
 - Commercial: Building (for Generator)

Select a Record Type

Notice: Please check the Plat, Survey, Title Policy and all other documentation relating to your property prior to design and construction. The City of Tampa and its staff **DO NOT** review for compliance with individual private deed restrictions and covenants during permit review. The issuance of a building permit by the City of Tampa signifies that the project is in compliance with the zoning codes of the City of Tampa and City of Tampa and Florida building code. The issuance of a building permit **DOES NOT** insure compliance with private deed restrictions or covenants.

Choose one of the following available record types.

Search

- ▶ Commercial for Condo or Business or Apartment
 - ▼ **Generator Permits**
 - ☐ Commercial Generator Permit
 - ☒ Residential Generator Permit
- ▶ Residential for Single Family Residence or Duplex
- ▶ Pool Permits
- ▶ Trade Permits
- ▶ Fire Permits
- ▶ Annual Facility Permits
- ▶ Building Revisions
- ▶ General
- ▶ Natural Resources
- ▶ Utilities

Continue Application »

6. **Enter Applicant information:** Click **Select from Account** or **Add New** and follow all other prompts to complete application.

1 Contact Information 2 Support Documentation 3 Review 4 Submission Complete

Step 1 : Contact Information > **Applicant Information** * indicates a required field.

Applicant

To add new contacts, click the Select from Account or Add New button. To edit a contact, click the Edit link.

Select from Account **Add New**

Minimum Site Plan Requirements for Commercial and Residential

- a. Project address or legal description and property lines.
- b. Location of the proposed generator and all dimensions to the property lines.
- c. Include proposed gas line location, if applicable. Identify power connection (transfer switch or interlock).
- d. Elevations: Show existing and proposed assumed site elevations on a 25-foot grid, extending 10 feet beyond adjacent property lines.
- e. Identify all trees within 20 feet of the proposed work, with species and diameter for each.
- f. Protective Radius from construction:
 - i. Specimen trees with a 24 inch DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) require a minimum of 15 feet.
 - ii. Grand Trees with 32 inches DBH or larger require a minimum of 20 feet.



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Topographical Survey – Signed and Sealed

- a. Required if the proposed new concrete slab is over 1,000 square feet.

Additional information

- a. Owner Builder Acknowledgment form, if applicable
- b. Mounting Pad: Identify if the mounting pad type is **slab**, **prefabricated pad**, or **stand**.
- c. For Commercial applications, identify the fuel source: **Diesel**, **Liquid Propane**, or **Natural Gas**.
- d. If DIESEL is selected, choose **remote** or **self-contained**.

MISC PROJECT INFORMATION

* Permit Category:

Building

* Permit Type:

Generator

Total Square Feet of Building Area
(Accessory Structure) :

* Fuel Source:

--Select--

Was there a tree consultation performed
regarding this property?:

Is this project associated with a Right-of-
Way permit or Right-of-Way application?

Way permit or Right-of-Way application?:

☐ Yes ☐ No

MISC PROJECT INFORMATION

* Permit Category:

Building

* Permit Type:

Total Square Feet of Building Area
(Accessory Structure) :

* Fuel Source:

Diesel

* Diesel Source:

--Select--

Was there a tree consultation performed
regarding this property?:

Is this project associated with a Right-of-
Way permit or Right-of-Way application?:

☐ Yes ☐ No