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GBC Kitchen & Bath Publishes Kitchen Remodel Permit Guide

GBC Kitchen and Bath Alexandria

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ALEXANDRIA, VA - GBC Kitchen & Bath has published a guide on kitchen remodel permits in Northern Virginia and Maryland. The article, dated November 17, 2026, covers Fairfax and Loudoun counties in Virginia and Montgomery and Howard counties in Maryland. The article says many kitchen remodels need a permit, but not every kitchen update does.

“Start with the parcel, not the mailing address. Independent cities and some towns run their own building offices,” said Esin Mills, director of operations at GBC Kitchen & Bath. The same section names the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax and the City of Falls Church as examples of separate Virginia offices.

The dividing line in the four counties is usually whether only cabinets, counters and finishes are being replaced, or whether walls, plumbing, electrical, gas or mechanical systems will change. Fairfax County lists kitchen renovations under interior alterations that require a permit, and it separately lists kitchen cabinets and/or countertops among work that does not need a Land Development Services permit.

Montgomery County requires a permit for renovation other than a repair, and exempts countertops, cabinets and new floor finishes when there is no structural change. Loudoun County files a residential kitchen alteration as an alteration building permit, signed by the property owner, with trade permits as needed. In Howard County, a sample handout treats a kitchen remodel that removes a load-bearing wall as an interior alteration, and says a cabinets-and-counters-only scope should be confirmed with the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

The photograph shows a completed GBC kitchen project in Ellicott City, Maryland, and is used as an example of finished kitchen work, not as a claim about the permits used on that project. The guide tells readers to have existing and proposed floor plans ready before applying, with wall changes marked and structural calculations if a load-bearing wall will be removed.

Trade drawings belong in the package when electrical, plumbing, gas or mechanical systems change, and a Loudoun County application needs town zoning approval when the property is in an incorporated town. An HOA or village architectural approval is not a substitute for the county or city permit, and other approvals can still apply even when a building permit is not required. Fee figures in the guide are not GBC fees or promises, and the current rule should be confirmed with the office that has jurisdiction over the property.

For Arlington County, the company points readers to an existing Arlington permits article . Homeowners can review materials at the company's Alexandria showroom on General Washington Drive. Kitchen, bathroom and basement work is listed among the services handled from that showroom.

GBC Kitchen & Bath lists the Alexandria location at 5601 General Washington Dr Unit H, Alexandria, VA 22312, telephone +1 703-750-1188. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM; the showroom is closed Sunday. The full permits guide is on the company website, and the Google Maps listing identifies the same address.

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