

This Tip Sheet reflects some permitting requirements resulting from a collaboration of participating jurisdictions.

✓ PERMITS REQUIRED: Common examples This table provides common examples for one- and two-family dwelling alterations, improvements and additions where permits are typically required. <i>If work is to be done in a CRITICAL AREA, SHORELINE AREA or SENSITIVE AREA, please check with your local jurisdiction for permit requirements.</i>	Bellevue	Bothell	Burien	Issaquah	Kenmore	Kirkland	Mercer Island	Mill Creek	Newcastle	Renton	Sammamish	Snohomish County	Snoqualmie	Woodinville
Carports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	✓	✓
Decks more than 30" above grade (measured vertically to the grade below at any point within 36" of the outer edge of deck)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dock repairs and additions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Electrical circuits and services	✓	⚡	✓	⚡	⚡	✓	✓	⚡	⚡	✓	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡
Exterior doors, windows, and skylights that require a new opening or larger opening	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, and inserts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Furnaces, air conditioners, and heat pumps	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Garage conversion to living space	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gas piping	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Home-businesses (home occupations)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interior remodels	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Backflow prevention devices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mother-in-law apartments (ADU)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hose bibs and drinking fountains	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	---	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rockerries and retaining walls over 4' in height or supporting a surcharge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spas and saunas that are portable and plug in (requiring no electrical work)	✓	✓	---	✓	---	✓	✓	---	✓	---	---	---	---	✓
Spas and saunas that are site built	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming pools, spas, and portable pools (in-ground or above ground) that are more than 2' deep and over 5,000 gallons	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water heater installation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	Permit is required in this jurisdiction	⚡	Electrical permits regulated by Washington State Labor & Industries
---	Permit is not required in this jurisdiction	★	Permit Required if > 200 sq ft inside an Urban Growth Area (UGA) or > 400 sq ft outside of UGA

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--- PERMITS NOT REQUIRED: Common examples	Bellevue	Bothell	Burien	Issaquah	Kenmore	Kirkland	Mercer Island	Mill Creek	Newcastle	Renton	Sammamish	Snohomish County	Snoqualmie	Woodinville
This table provides common examples for one- and two-family dwelling alterations, improvements and additions where permits are typically not required*. <i>If work is to be done in a CRITICAL AREA, SHORELINE AREA OR SENSITIVE AREA, please contact the local jurisdiction to verify that the work listed here is still exempt from a permit.</i>														
Accessory structures (one-story detached) used as tool and storage sheds, tree-supported play structures, playhouses, and similar uses not exceeding _____ square feet	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	★	120	120
Bathroom and kitchen fixture replacements without plumbing line modifications such as sinks and toilets (Note: Tub and shower replacement does require a permit.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Decking replacement on decks without changing or adding any other structural members	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	√
Decks less than 30" above grade (measured vertically to the grade below at any point within 36" of the outer edge of deck)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fences not over ___ feet high	8	6	6	6	8	6	6	√	★	6	6	6	6	6
Interior finish work such as painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Portable appliance replacement in the same location without modification to gas, plumbing lines, or electrical circuits	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Re-roof overlay if limited to 2 total layers of roofing material	---	√	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	⊕	√	√
Re-roofing (tear off and replace) using same type of roofing provided roof sheathing is not altered	---	√	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	√	√	---
Retaining walls or rockeries which are not over 4' in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall unless supporting a surcharge or supporting sloped ground	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sidewalks and driveways that are not in or connected to the right of way, are not more than 30" above grade and are not over a basement or story below	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Siding replacement when non-structural (except for EFIS - exterior finish and insulation systems - veneer, or stucco)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	√	---
Swings, slides, and other playground equipment	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Window and door replacement where opening dimensions are not increased, energy efficiency (U value) is not decreased, and egress window requirements are maintained	---	---	★	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	√	---
Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54" and do not require additional support	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

*Even when a permit is not required, work shall still be code compliant

√	Permit is required in this jurisdiction	★	Permit required if fence is over 6 feet with an additional 2 feet of lattice on top
---	Permit is not required in this jurisdiction	★	Permit Required if > 200 sq ft inside an Urban Growth Area (UGA) or > 400 sq ft outside of UGA
★	Permit is required if structure is in Airport Noise Reduction Zone 1	⊕	Permit is required if over 1000 square feet

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