

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 | King County | Kirkland | Mercer Island | Mill Creek | Newcastle | Renton | Sammamish | Snohomish County | Snoqualmie |
|--|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Carpports | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | ★ | √ |
| 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 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | ⊕ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |

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| √ | 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 (Single Family)

| --- PERMITS NOT REQUIRED: Common examples | | Bellevue | Bothell | Burien | Issaquah | Kenmore | King County | Kirkland | Mercer Island | Mill Creek | Newcastle | Renton | Sammamish | Snohomish County | Snoqualmie |
|---|--|----------|---------|--------|--|---------|-------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| 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 | 200 | ★ | 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 | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| √ | 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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