

How do I get an inspection?

A certified mechanical inspector must inspect any work done under a permit.

To schedule an inspection, call the Building Division's inspection request line at (206) 973-4764. You will need to provide the permit number, project address, type of inspection needed, the date you would like the inspection and if you prefer a morning or afternoon inspection time. Inspection request called in before 4PM will be scheduled for the following business day unless otherwise specified.

An adult needs to be at the site to provide inside access for the inspector.

Be an informed consumer:

When buying a product or contracting a service:

- ◆ Call the Building Division or Washington State Labor and Industries to verify active license and/or registration
- ◆ Call the Better Business Bureau
- ◆ Talk to other consumers
- ◆ Compare prices
- ◆ Ask for references and contact them
- ◆ Be sure you have a written contract and read it carefully before signing



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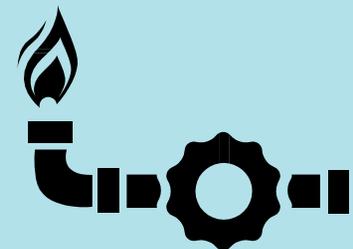
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BUILDING DIVISION



DO I NEED A MECHANICAL PERMIT?



The purpose of every permit is to protect what you value most—your family and your home. Faulty installations can cause house fires, flood damage and structural instability. Permits and inspections help protect your loved ones from these potentially deadly mistakes. Permits also help you avoid costly repairs down the line and preserve your biggest financial investment—your home. When selling your home, you are required by law to fully disclose all remodeling work and whether or not permits were obtained. With permits and inspections, you can expect a smoother closing process, free of last-minute hassles, inspections and repair work if the home isn't up to code. So insist on permits.

When do I need a permit for mechanical work?

A permit is required if you intend to:

- ◆ install or change any part of a heating or cooling system that must be vented into any kind of chimney, including unvented decorative appliances
- ◆ install a gas water heater
- ◆ install a woodstove, fireplace insert, pellet stove or related venting
- ◆ install, alter or repair gas piping between the meter and an appliance (indoors or outdoors)
- ◆ install bath fans, dryer exhausts, kitchen range exhausts and appliances that are required to be vented

If you are unsure if you need a permit, contact the Building Division at (206) 973-4750.



How do I get a permit for mechanical work?

You may apply for a mechanical permit at the permit counter for the Building Division or by mail. The Building Division does not accept application packets via fax.

What information do I need?

Printed plans are not necessary for home mechanical permits. But in your permit application, you will need to briefly describe the scope of work. For example, describe the appliance you intend to install and whether you will be installing a new vent, ductwork, etc.

For a permit to install or replace a woodstove or fireplace insert, the appliance must be UL 127 certified and meet Environmental Protection Agency emission standards. The inspector will check the label on the stove or fireplace insert at inspection. If you are not sure whether the appliance is certified, ask the dealer.

MECHANICAL PERMITS

Safety First

For the safety of your family and your home's future occupants, please don't attempt any mechanical work that is beyond your skill level. When in doubt, hire a licensed, bonded professional.

If a mechanical inspector is available to discuss your project at the time of submittal, you can often leave the office with a permit (providing you have submitted the required information).

Who can do the mechanical work on my house or duplex?

As the owner, you or an immediate family member can do the mechanical work. If you plan on hiring a contractor to do the work, they must be registered with Washington State Labor and Industries. In addition, all contractors must have a valid City business license. Permits will not be issued if contractor is not registered with State or if they do not have a valid City license.

If you have any questions regarding a contractor's eligibility, call Washington State Labor and Industries at (800)647-0982 or visit their website at www.lni.wa.gov.