



Residential building permitting agencies, who does what

The Department of Local Services, Permitting Division (Permitting) provides land use actions, code enforcement, fire and building permits for the unincorporated areas of King County. There will be several agencies involved with the permitting process for residential land development and construction permitting in unincorporated King County. The required services and service providers will vary depending on your individual circumstances.

The following does not list every possible land use action and construction permit required for an addition or new residential construction. The linked documents will provide more details.

For additional information or questions, applicants may also:

- Call the Permit Center at 206-296-6600
- Email DPERWebInquiries@KingCounty.gov
- [Permit Center hours and location](#)

Item	Provider	Resources and Comments
Property Research	Applicant	Property Research Guide Property Research Worksheet Legal Lot Information Legal Lot Determination Application
Zoning Certification	Permitting	If needed, Zoning and Historical Certification Letter Information and application available on MyBuildingPermit.com
Flood Hazard Certification	Permitting	If needed, Flood Hazard Certification
Site Work, Critical Areas Designation	Permitting	If needed, Critical Areas Designation Information and application available on MyBuildingPermit.com
Site Work, Clearing & Grading Permit ¹	Permitting	Included in most new residential building permits.

¹ Clearing & Grading, Demolition, Non-Building, Mechanical and Impervious Surface (Drainage) work is typically covered by the Building Permit.

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Item	Provider	Resources and Comments
Site Work, Temporary Address	Permitting	If needed for temporary power service from PSE; Address, Affidavit of Use for an Approximate or Temporary Address
Building Permit	Permitting	See Residential Building Permit packet available on MyBuildingPermit.com
Fire, Fuel or LPG Tank Permit	Permitting	If needed, Fuel Tanks, Installation and Relocation, Residential Checklist and application available on MyBuildingPermit.com
Fire Access and Water Supply	Permitting	Residential Fire Access and Water Supply Checklist If needed, Fire Permit: Sprinkler, Residential, Information and application available on MyBuildingPermit.com
Right-of-Way	Permitting	Not required for most residential projects.
Shorelines & SEPA	Permitting	If needed, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
Non-Building	Permitting	If needed, other site structures such as docks, fences, pools, retaining walls, etc.
Demolition	Permitting	Included in most new residential building permits.
Solar	Permitting	If needed, Solar Photovoltaic System, Roof Mounted, Residential Exemption checklist and Incentives and Permitting Guidance
Mechanical	Permitting	Included in most new residential building permits.
Plumbing, Gas Piping and Backflow	SKCPH	Environmental Health Division, Plumbing and Gas Piping
Septic	SKCPH	Environmental Health Division, On-site Sewage
Water Well	SKCPH & Permitting	Water Service Requirements
Sewer and/or Water	Utility District(s)	From Districts Report ² , Water Service Requirements
Electrical	WA L&I	Purchase Permits & Request Inspections
Electrical and Gas Service	Puget Sound Energy (PSE)	Construction Services

² See Property Research Guide