

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM MY INSPECTION

Tips for the INFREQUENT Building Permit Holder

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN MY INSPECTOR IS COMING?

Please visit our permitting site: permitting.rentonwa.gov after 8am on the day of your inspection (no log in required) and select "Today's Inspections". Your inspector's name and cell phone will be listed with your permit number. You may call or text your inspector for a 2 hour arrival window. Based on the area of the inspection site, we can often supply the name and number of the intended inspector in advance. However, due to workload and absence, we **highly recommend** that you verify your inspector online the day of your inspection.

HOW LONG WILL MY INSPECTION LAST?

The length of the inspection is dependent on the size and scope of the project. Water heaters and AC unit inspections can last 10-30 minutes. Larger or more complex project inspections can take longer.

DO I NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR MY INSPECTION?

If the area of inspection requires entry to a house or business, an adult over the age of 18 must be present. We will not enter a home with only a minor present or access an empty home that is occupied.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PREPARE FOR MY INSPECTION?

Please ensure the inspection area is accessible and free from clutter. If tools, ladders or gate keys/access codes are needed to access the area, it is your responsibility to have those available. You will need a printed copy of your permit to sign when complete and please lock up aggressive or overly helpful animals.

DID I PASS OR FAIL?

Your inspector will notify you of the inspection status at the end of the inspection. If the status is passed, the inspector will sign the printed permit you provided.

MY INSPECTION IS OVER, BUT I HAVE QUESTIONS...

If a contractor was hired to complete the work, please direct all questions to the contractor. If the homeowner is the contractor, they should contact the inspector directly.

DO YOU OFFER AFTER HOURS INSPECTIONS?

Most inspections occur between 8:00am and 2:30pm, however "after hours" inspections are available by request and are at the customer's expense. Your inspector can provide more information.

HELP! PUGET SOUND ENERGY SAYS THEY WON'T CONNECT WITHOUT A CITY INSPECTOR PRESENT...

This is an old rule that is sometimes shared by PSE that is no longer correct. PSE WILL connect without a City inspector present IF the **signed permit is posted** and a **licensed electrician is present**.

For additional questions or concerns regarding inspections, please reach out to the Community & Economic Development department at : 425.430. 7200.

For questions regarding the permitting process, requirements, fees and timelines, please call: 425.430.7215 or email: permittech@rentonwa.gov.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM MY INSPECTION

Tips for the FREQUENT Building Permit Holder

HOW CAN I REACH MY INSPECTOR?

We can provide your assigned inspector's name and cell phone number prior to your first inspection, however we recommend verifying your inspector on our permitting site: permitting.rentonwa.gov under "Today's Inspections" after 8am on the day of the inspection (no log in required). You may call or text your inspector for a 2 hour arrival window, or regarding inspection related questions.

WILL I HAVE THE SAME INSPECTORS EVERY TIME?

Typically, you will have the same inspectors throughout the course of your project (depending on inspection type). Occasionally, workload or absence may require a different inspector to report to your job. You can call or text your assigned inspector in between inspections for inspection related questions.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PREPARE FOR MY INSPECTION?

Please ensure the inspection area is accessible and free from clutter. An escort is required if work is in an occupied home or business or in a secure area. If tools, ladders or gate keys/access codes are needed to access the area, it is your responsibility to have those available. You will need a printed copy of your permit to sign when complete and aggressive or overly helpful animals should be restrained.

WHAT HOURS DO YOU OFFER INSPECTIONS?

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HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I HAVE TO SCHEDULE?

You can schedule online (using our permitting site) or by phone (using the automated scheduling system) as late as 11:59pm the day before the requested inspection!

DO YOU OFFER PRE-INSPECTION CONSULTATIONS?

Please call 425.430.7200 - a staff member will provide the name and number of an inspector in your area to answer pre-inspection questions.

HOW CAN I VIEW INSPECTION NOTES?

Inspector notes are available on the permitting site under your permit. You must be logged in and a contact on the permit to view notes. You can call or text your inspector with questions regarding the inspection status and notes.

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