



Building project checklist for properties with septic systems or private individual water systems

Item #	Permits Required by Incorporated Cities	HD Review w/fee Required	HD Consultation Recommended Health Dept information line (206) 296-4932
1	Carports	Yes	
2	Decks more than 30" above grade	Depends	Yes
3	Outbuilding/Additions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADU (accessory dwelling units) • Accessory Living Quarters (w/o kitchen) • Garages • Shops • Footprint expansions toward OSS++ or that may impact the OSS 	Yes	
4	Interior Remodels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding bedrooms* • Adding additional kitchen + • Footprint expansions toward OSS++ or that may impact the OSS 	Yes	
5	Medical Hardship cases (temporary quarters to be removed after medical condition ended)	Yes	
6	Adult Care Facilities and Day Care Conversions	Yes	
7	Rockerries over 4' in height	Depends	Yes
8	Swimming Pools: In-ground or above ground swimming pools and swim spas 2' deep, or above ground Prefabricated pools over 5,000 gallons	Yes	
9	Code Enforcement issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC (already built construction w/o permit) 	Yes	
10	Projects requiring a grading Permit	Depends	Yes



11	Infiltration or Dispersion trench location for storm water control	Yes	
12	Commercial buildings	Yes	
	Post Issuance Revisions		
13	Adding Bedrooms	Yes	
14	House or out building location changes	Yes	

* renaming an existing bedroom by another name still counts as a bedroom for purposes of determining septic system sizing.

+ Definition of a kitchen per SMC Title 21; an area intended for the storage and preparation of food and a sink.

++ OSS means On-site Septic System (includes waste water tanks, treatment devices and drainfield as well as the reserve drainfield area)