


**Whatcom County
Planning & Development
Services
Building Services Division**



QUICK PERMITS 1, 2, 3



In an effort to speed up the issuance of building permits the County has designated certain simple projects as eligible for expedited permit processing. This will enable the County to offer one-day and two-day over-the-counter building permits.

Quick Permit 1 Review Period: 1 Day Applications accepted Mon. – Fri. 8:30 to 4:00	Quick Permit 2 Review Period: 1 Day Applications accepted Tuesdays 8:30 to Noon	Quick Permit 3 Review Period: Approximately 2 Days Applications accepted Tuesdays 8:30 to Noon
Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form • Fees 	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form • Site plan • Fees 	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form • Land Disturbance application** • Revocable Encroachment application • Site plan • Copy of septic permit & design • Structural building plans, including elevations, showing work to be performed • Fees
Qualifying Scope of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumbing fixture change-outs or additions, including waterless urinals. • Residential mechanical change-outs or additions. • Emergency repair building permit application, meeting the emergency repair policy. • Window replacement where outside dimension of the new window does not change and window does not extend beyond eave overhang. Includes emergency escape/rescue openings, impact hazard location as long as they meet code. • Re-roof or re-siding without structural support modifications and new materials are similar in weight to existing. • Roof mounted photo-voltaic solar panels. 	Qualifying Scope of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof or siding repair, non-emergency, involving structural changes. • Replacing roof, like for like with no pitch changes. • Residential mechanical permits for propane tank installations. • Foundation repair/replacement if foundation is not a retaining wall, height not exceeding 4ft. from bottom of footing, no change in height, no expansion of footprint, not located in environmentally critical area.* • Solar water heating systems. • Community Energy Challenge. www.communityenergychallenge.org 	Qualifying Scope of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential additions or remodels less than 500 square feet & single story.*** • Unheated detached accessory structures less than 1,000 square feet, not more than 30 feet from primary residence.*** • Heated detached accessory structure less than 500 square feet, not more than 30 feet from primary residence.*** • Carport to garage conversion, 18" frost depth at perimeter. • Residential retaining walls, engineered or international code prescriptive.*** • Commercial tenant improvement, less than 2,500 square feet and no food service. • Residential mechanical permits for geothermal installations. • Replacing same size mobile homes in approved Mobile Home Park.
<p>*Archeological sites must be addressed **Recommended critical area pre-development site inspection be done first ***Outside SMP/CAO buffers</p> <p><i>Photos showing existing conditions and work to be performed are helpful</i></p>		
<p>Please ask for additional information regarding erosion control, impervious surface, and stormwater requirements if you are working in the</p>  <p>Lake Whatcom, Lake Samish, Lake Padden, Birch Bay, or Drayton Harbor Watersheds.</p>		