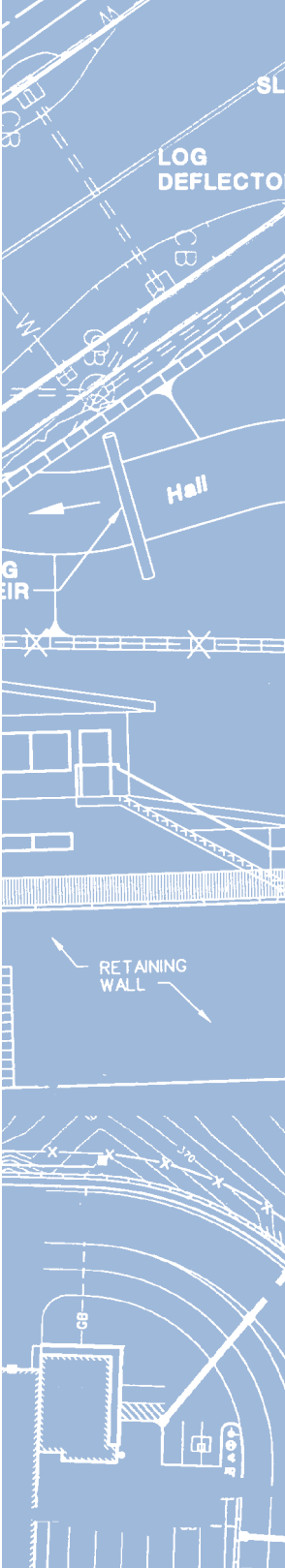




Fire Damage Repair



Q: Do I need to get a building permit for repair work following a fire on my property?

A: Possibly. When a structure on your property has been damaged by fire, you will need a building repair permit for the repair work if the valuation of the repair work exceeds \$2,000.

Q: Do I need an inspection?

A: Yes. An inspection is required before any repair permit can be issued. The inspection will determine the damage and what repairs are needed to bring the building into conformity with building codes.

Q: How do I schedule an inspection?

A: To request an inspection, take the property address and Assessor's property tax number to the Planning & Development Services (PDS) permit counter on the 2nd floor of the County Admin-East Building, 3000 Rockefeller, in downtown Everett. Counter personnel will help you complete the inspection report form. They then will collect the inspection report fee. The inspection report will determine the type of repair permit required. A copy of the report will be mailed to you before you apply for the permit to repair damages.

Q: Will I need building plans to get a damage repair permit?

A: Probably not. Most minor repair permits do not require plans and are issued "subject to field inspection," listing the conditions of the inspection report. A detailed site plan may be required. Inspections which reveal extensive damage normally require plans for the repair permit.

Q: How much will the permit cost?

A: Building permit fees are based on the dollar value of the structural elements on the contract bid, which should be submitted when applying for the repair permit.

Q: What if the building is completely destroyed?

A: Buildings that are a total loss do not need an inspection report. The replacement residence will be processed as a "new residence."

NOTE: If the existing foundation is to be used for the replacement residence, a structural engineer's report of adequacy may be required. Permit and plan check fees will be based on the square footage of the new structure.

Q: What do I need to include with my building permit application?

A: You will need to submit the following items:

- Completed residential application form;
- Address and Assessor parcel tax account number;
- Two sets of plan drawings (if required by building inspector);
- One plot plan (if required) no larger than 8-1/2" x 14"; and
- A copy of the inspection report.

Q: What items will be required for the project review?

A: Your project review may include the following:

- Plan examination;
- Snohomish Health District review (if the property is served by a septic system);
- Flood Hazard review (if the property is in a flood hazard area); and/or
- A site review.

Q: What if my building has been damaged by flood, landslide, wind or snow?

A: Contact PDS counter personnel for further information. Generally, repair or replacement of buildings in these situations will be similar to the process outlined above, but variations can occur. If you have any questions, please call (425) 388-3311.

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