



Building in Sequim - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: How do I apply for a permit?
Answer: Watch this [short video](#) for instructions.
2. Question: Do I need a permit to re-roof my house?
Answer: You need a permit from the City, unless it's a manufactured home. For manufactured homes, contact the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries at (360) 417-2700 about permit requirements.
3. Question: How tall can I build my fence without needing a permit?
Answer: Not more than 7 feet tall. On corner properties, fence height is limited to 42 inches above grade in the "site triangle" area.
4. Question: Can I build a fence on my property line?
Answer: Yes, but make sure you know where your property line is to avoid conflicts with neighbors.
5. Question: Where can I find permit application forms?
Answer: On the City's [Form and Applications](#) webpage.
6. Question: Do I need to secure or strap my propane tank?
Answer: LP-gas containers greater than or equal to 125-gallons must be anchored or strapped and must also be protected with an approved, listed earthquake shut-off device. The installation requires a permit.
7. Question: Where can I find the permit fees?
Answer: Find fees [here](#).
8. Question: Can I put a shipping container on my property?
Answer: Not on residential property. If the property is located in the Heavy Commercial/Warehouse (HC/W) zone and applicable requirements are met, it may be possible.
9. Question: Where can I find the building codes?
Answer: Contact the Department of Community Development.



10. Question: Where can I find the Building Design Criteria for the City of Sequim?
Answer: Find Sequim Building Design Criteria [here](#).
11. Question: How long does it take to get a permit?
Answer: Generally, it takes 4 - 6 weeks.
12. Question: How can I determine the zoning for a property?
Answer: Check the [Official Zoning Map](#).
13. Question: How do I find what the allowed uses are for each zoning area?
Answer: Refer to the City's [Zoning](#) webpage for links to Sequim Municipal Code.
14. Question: Where are my property lines?
Answer: Check corners for survey markers. If markers are not found, hire a licensed land surveyor to mark corners. Survey records are maintained by Clallam County, and some can be accessed via their website at <https://erecording.clallam.net/recorder/eagleweb/docSearch.jsp>.
The City typically does not have survey records, unless the property was included in a division of property.
15. Question: When is a permit **not** required for a shed?
Answer: A permit is not required for one-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, that do not exceed 200 square feet.
16. Question: Where on the City's website can I find current development projects?
Answer: On the City's [Current Projects](#) webpage.