



7: Civil and Environmental Permitting

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7-A: Civil Engineering Permits

Civil Engineering permits are required for work pertaining to stormwater, grading, water, sewer, right-of-way, building demolition, critical areas, tree removal and industrial wastewater discharge. For these permits, construction plans and documents submitted for permit approval may be submitted separately or included on large projects with the Building Permit submittal.

See [Permit Requirements Table](#) for additional information.

Stormwater and Drainage

Stormwater and drainage permits may be required from the City of Lynnwood and/or the State Dept. of Ecology for:

- Creating or altering impervious surfaces
- Modification of an existing drainage system
- Construction of a new stormwater conveyance
- A General Construction Stormwater Permit is required from the Washington State Department of Ecology for land disturbing activities larger than one acre.

Grading

A grading permit is required for land disturbing activities, including construction, clearing, excavation, filling, etc. over 50 cubic yards. As part of the grading permit process, the following are required to be submitted for review and approval:

1. Grading plan
2. [Temporary Erosion/Sediment Control \(TESC\) Plan](#)
3. [Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan \(SWPPP\)](#)
4. [Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures \(SPCC\) Plan](#)

Water and Sewer

The City of Lynnwood Water and Sewer utilities provide water and sewer service to the majority of the city. Alderwood Water and Wastewater District (AWWD) provides sewer and water services to some properties on the east side of the city. View the service area [map](#) or contact the city for specific property information.

Within the City of Lynnwood water and sewer service area, water and sewer permits and connection fees are required to construct, abandon, repair, connect or expand water or sewer service. There may be an existing Latecomer Agreement or LID assessment on the property that requires you to pay for utility improvements previously installed on the property.

Contact the AWWD for permit requirements in their service area. In the AWWD service area, the city inspects the private water service from the water meter to the building and fire protection water mains between the building and the property line.

Right-of-Way Permits

A permit is required for construction, installation, repair or upgrade of frontage improvements, utilities or pavement in the right-of-way. Traffic control plans must be submitted for review and approval.

Bonding Requirements

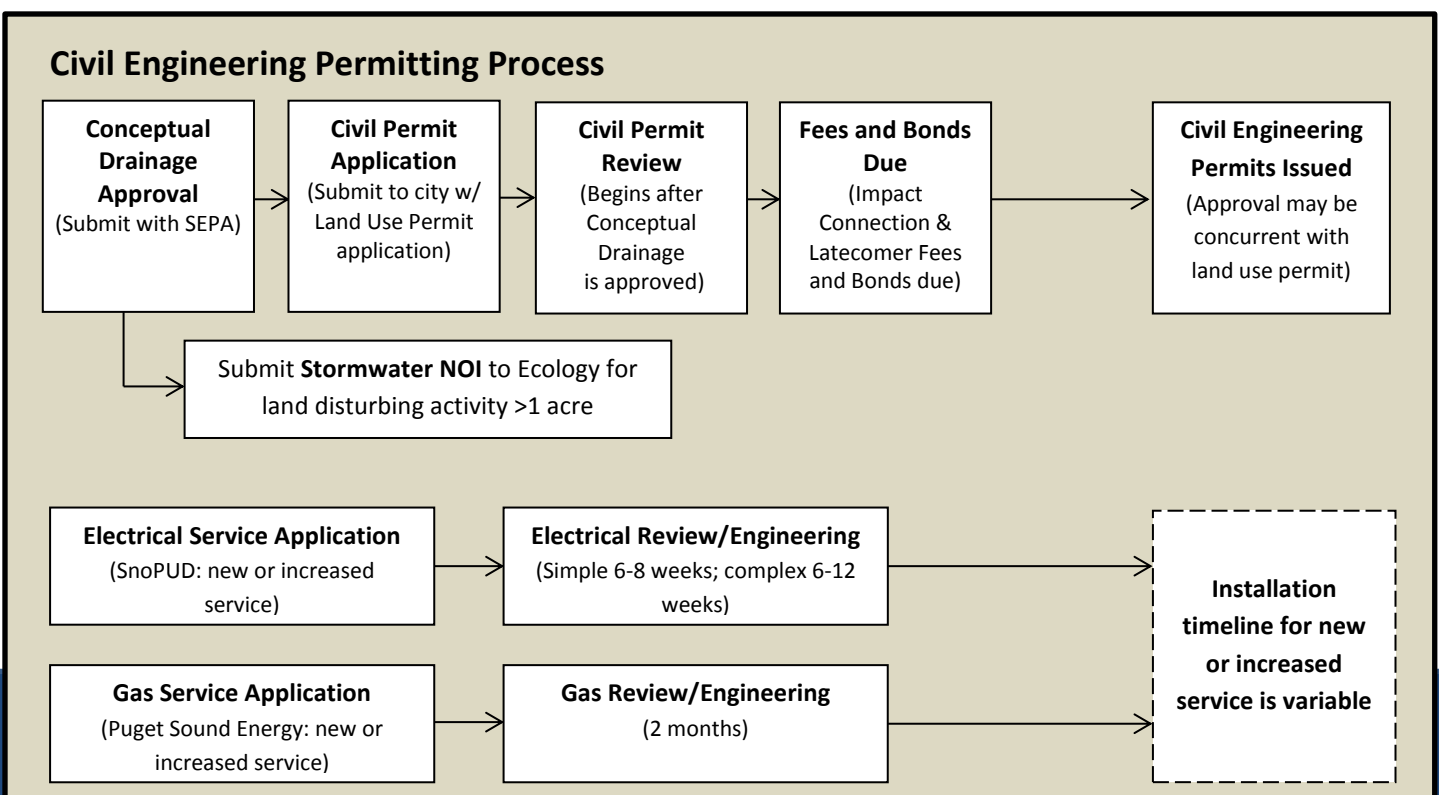
A performance bond, cash deposit, or maintenance bond may be required for construction or work activities in the public right-of-way, critical area work, tree removal and for residential subdivisions.

Electrical Service

If additional electrical service is required, submit a New Service Questionnaire to Snohomish County Public Utility District. Snohomish Public Utility District (SnoPUD) will determine engineering and infrastructure needs for the project. If you need temporary power, contact SnoPUD early in the process.

Natural Gas Service

For new or upgraded natural gas service, contact Puget Sound Energy to determine engineering infrastructure needs for the project.



7-B: Environmental Permits

This section describes some common operational permits that you may need. You may also need federal permits (such as from the Food and Drug Administration) depending on your project. For more information on federal permits, visit the Small Business Administration [here](#).

Air Quality

A Notice of Construction and the Order of Approval is required prior to construction from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for any business operations that create, or have the potential to create, air pollution. A Puget Sound Clean Air case number is required prior to building demolition.

The application process is very technical and can take a long time. Start the process early!

Hazardous Waste

Manufacturing, handling and/or storage of hazardous materials will likely require permits from both the city and the state Department of Ecology.

Industrial and Commercial Wastewater

Businesses that discharge (or have possibility of discharging), FOG (fats, oils & grease), petroleum products, chemicals, metals, unusual solids and other constituents will need a Pretreatment Agreement with the city, that includes periodic inspections, monitoring and maintenance of system.

See [Permit Requirements Table](#) for additional information.

Pre-Development Meetings:

Free and highly recommended for all projects!

Get your site-specific questions answered. Submit preliminary plans and meet with city staff (on Wednesdays) to answer questions prior to moving into the design phase of the development. See the [Pre-Development Meeting Request Form](#) for additional information.