



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Memorandum

To: Owners, Applicants, Contractors.

From: Tim DeVries, Building Official

Date: December 21, 2011

Re: Changes to building inspection services.

As a result of continuing budgetary constraints, Planning & Development Services must make changes to the way in which we perform building inspections.

Beginning January 1, 2012,

Building inspection areas will be designated as follows.

- Area One – all locations west of I-5 (except Guemes Island)
- Area Two – all locations east of I-5 (except Lake Cavanaugh)
- Area Three – Guemes Island, La Conner, Lake Cavanaugh

Building inspections will be performed in the following areas on the days indicated.

- Mondays and Wednesdays – Area One
- Tuesdays and Thursdays – Area Two
- Fridays – Area Three

Unfortunately, due to limited resources, **we will not be able to make exceptions** to the above schedule. There may be alternatives involving other outside parties who could be approved to make certain inspections in lieu of the County building inspector. Listed below are various types of required inspections along with a list of who would be authorized to perform the inspections. Advance approval is required in each case.

Required Building Inspection Item	Who is authorized
Footing inspection	Skagit County only
Post hole inspection	Skagit County only
Foundation inspection	Skagit County Structural Engineer Special Inspection Agency
Sub-floor inspection	Skagit County only in floodplain Structural Engineer outside of floodplain
Shearwall/holddown inspection	Skagit County Structural Engineer Special Inspection Agency
Framing inspection	Skagit County Structural Engineer
Plumbing/gas piping inspection	Skagit County only
Mechanical inspection	Skagit County only
Insulation inspection	Skagit County Affidavit from insulation company
Final inspection	Skagit County only

If utilizing a structural engineer or special inspection agency, a report showing full approval of the inspection item and/or deficiency corrections must be provided to Skagit County within two working days of the inspection and before any further inspections are performed by Skagit County or by other parties.