



# Residential Shed Requirements

---

Community Development Department ♦ 203 S. Pacific Ave. – PO Box 819 ♦ Kelso, WA 98626 ♦ 360-423-9922

---

## **Am I required to get a permit for my shed?**

Yes. Sheds over one story or 200 square feet are required to get a full building permit. Sheds that are less than 200 square feet and only 1 story are required to get a planning permit so the City can check that the location of the shed meets the setback requirements of the City Code. Permits give you assurance that what you are building is to code and will not need to be removed later because it is in violation.

## **Where on my property can I place my shed?**

Sheds need to meet the setback requirements of the code. The following setbacks are typical of most residential zones:

- 20-foot setback from the front property line
- 5-foot setback from the side property line (7 feet if you are on a corner lot)
- 5-foot setback from the rear property line

## **Can I use a shipping container as a shed?**

No. Shipping containers are not allowed to be placed in residential neighborhoods.

## **What documents need to be submitted for a permit?**

You will need to submit the following documents to the Community Development Department to obtain a permit:

- A completed master application
- A site plan
- Building plans if your shed is over 200 square feet or more than 1 story in height.

## **After getting my permit is there anything I need to do before beginning construction?**

You should always call 811 for locates before digging on your property. Also be sure that you can accurately locate your property lines.

## **When do I need to call for inspection for my shed?**

For sheds over 200 square feet you will need a foundation inspection, a framing inspection and a final inspection. For sheds under 200 square and only 1 story in height you only need a final inspection. If at any time you have questions feel free to call for a courtesy inspection and we can meet you on site to answer your questions.

Rev. 07/2022