



WHATCOM COUNTY LAND DISTURBANCE AND CLEARING APPLICATION INFORMATION

THIS HAND-OUT HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, ADDITIONAL PERMITTING, AND CONTACTS.



SITE MUST BE FLAGGED! Fees will be imposed for additional site trips & inspections

- All proposed project areas must be located on site with clearly marked stakes and flagging.
- Site location must **be visible from road** by address, by name or by flagging.
- Call the Land Disturbance Clerk at **(360) 676-6907** when site is flagged and ready to be inspected
- Project review will be delayed if site is not properly staked and/or flagged.

WHATCOM COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (360) 676-6907 or (360) 380-8100

Please be advised that staff have scheduled appointments and daily site inspections making their availability limited. Call the above telephone numbers for information related to the following:



- Land Disturbance** - General inquiries for permit requirements, application in-take, permit review, status and issuance.
- Critical Areas – Wetlands, Streams, and Habitat Conservation Areas** - review, inspection, mitigation, and monitoring.
- Critical Areas – Geology** - Geological Hazards – review, inspection, mitigation, and monitoring.
- Critical Areas – Forestry/Wildlife** - review, inspection, mitigation, and monitoring.
- Watersheds** - Lake Whatcom, Lake Samish, Drayton Harbor, and Birch Bay – may require review and inspection.

FILLING, GRADING and CLEARING



- Any fill, grade, or clearing within 200 feet of critical areas requires review and approval from Whatcom County prior to commencing any project work.
- Any fill or grade in excess of 50 cubic yards (approx. 5 dump trucks) requires a Land Disturbance Permit.
- Any material moved off-site in excess of 50 cubic yards **will require a separate Land Disturbance permit.**
- Filling and grading **cannot start** before approval from Planning and Development Services.

FOREST PRACTICES INFORMATION



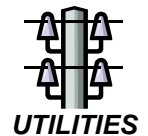
- If your project involves the harvest of trees on forest land (forest practices as defined in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 222-16-050) a Forest Practices Application/Notification is required.
- For questions related to permit requirements, or to obtain a Forest Practices Application, contact the **Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at (360) 856-3500.**
- Failure to obtain an approved Forest Practices Application/Notification from DNR prior to conducting forest practices is a violation of state law and **may result in enforcement action and a six-year development moratorium on property.**

WORKING IN COUNTY/STATE ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PERMITTING!



- Any work that utilizes a new or existing access off of a public road right-of-way may require a Revocable Encroachment Permit, Trail Permit, and/or a possible drainage study from Whatcom County's Engineering Division **(360) 676-6730.**
- For any work in the State highway right-of-way contact the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) at **(360) 788-2500.**

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION EASEMENT



- Whatcom County requires a letter of approval from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) authorizing any filling, excavation, or clearing in their easement. **Contact BPA at (360) 568-2943 or (800) 836-6619.**

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG – IT'S THE LAW



- For One Call Locates in Washington call **1-800-424-5555.** For additional information go to Washington Utilities Coordinating Council at <http://www.wucc.org>.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION



LDP # _____

Answer all questions as completely and accurately as possible. Sign and date your application.
Provide an adequate site plan (see example). Application fee will apply upon submittal.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE <i>REQUIRED</i> IN EACH SECTION BELOW		
Applicant / Contact Person	Property Owner	Contractor
Name	Name	Name
Address	Address	Address
Phone	Phone	Phone
Other	Other	License Expires

Parcel Number _____ **Job Site Address** _____

Subdivision _____ **Division** _____ **Lot** _____ **Block** _____

Project Description
Include all proposed work for this application (Include full project concept - continue on additional page if needed).

Future Development / Building Plans
State what your known development and building plans are for the next 6 years.
If unknown, please state so (continue on additional page if needed).

Physical Site Characteristics

Check all characteristics that apply on and within 200 feet of the entire parcel.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds and lakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Forested areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish bearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Topographically low areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush / scrub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-fish bearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Steep slopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture, lawn, landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 35% | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing developed areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage ditches | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 80% | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife features (e.g., raptor nests, beaver dams, large snags, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently flooded areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaning trees | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands/seasonally wet/soggy areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide areas | |

 **SITE MUST BE FLAGGED PRIOR TO INSPECTION**
(otherwise additional site inspection fees will be assessed - e.g. \$200)

FILL	The deposit of earth material by artificial means.				
BY FEET	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	Volume (ft ³)	Divided By 27 = Cubic Yard
Septic	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Driveway/Road/Parking	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Building site	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Foundation	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Other	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
MATERIAL SOURCE:					TOTAL VOLUME: CY

EXCAVATION	The mechanical removal of earth materials. Grading is any excavation or filling or combination thereof. Earth material is any rock, natural soil, fill, or any combination thereof.				
BY FEET	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	Volume (ft ³)	Divided By 27 = Cubic Yard
Septic	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Driveway/Road/Parking	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Building site	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Foundation	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Ditching/Trenching	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
Other	X	X	=	/ 27 =	CY
MATERIAL DESTINATION:					TOTAL VOLUME: CY

CLEARING / CONVERSION Defined as, "the destruction of vegetation by manual, mechanical, or chemical methods resulting in exposed soils." WCC 20.97.053

Required TOTAL AREA TO BE CLEARED and/or GRUBBED, IN ACRES _____

AREA OF TREE CLEARING, IN ACRES _____

TIMBER USE: Personal Use _____% Sell _____% Burn _____% Give Away _____%

If your project includes any tree cutting, a Forest Practices Application / Notification may be required. For questions related to permit requirements, contact the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at 360-856-3500.

SITE PLAN (required)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PUT ON THE SITE PLAN
SITE PLAN SCALE REQUIRED: (example) 1 inch = 20 feet
 (scale must be consistent across the site plan - see attached example)
 North Arrow
 Incomplete or inadequate site plan ***can significantly delay processing!***

LOT INFORMATION	SITE CHARACTERISTICS	PROPOSED WORK
<input type="checkbox"/> Property boundaries and dimensions <input type="checkbox"/> Buffer and setback lines <input type="checkbox"/> Existing / proposed buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Existing / proposed access roads and driveways <input type="checkbox"/> Existing / proposed easements and right-of-ways	<input type="checkbox"/> Slopes Streams Wetlands Ponds <input type="checkbox"/> Forested or treed areas <input type="checkbox"/> Ditches, culverts and <u>flow directions</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland areas and <u>flow directions</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary high water mark <input type="checkbox"/> Critical area boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Topography <input type="checkbox"/> Outline of disturbed areas - excavation and fill <input type="checkbox"/> Fill / Excavation cross sections <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EROSION CONTROL MEASURES</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Silt Fences <input type="checkbox"/> Mulching / seeding <input type="checkbox"/> Straw bales <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated buffers

VENUE AND JURISDICTION: The parties hereto recognize and agree that the venue of any action involving their rights or obligations related to this application shall be in Whatcom County, and the parties' rights and obligations hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

FEE GUARANTY: Notwithstanding that this application has been submitted in the name of a company, I personally guarantee payment of the fees accrued according to the terms listed in the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule and agree to be bound personally as a principal and not as a surety. I recognize that my personal guarantee is part of the consideration for review of the application.

I understand that this application does not grant authorization to begin work, and that no work will begin until a permit/authorization is issued. The above information and statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____	Property Owner Signature _____
Applicant Printed Name _____	Property Owner Printed Name _____
Date _____	Date _____