

Swinomish Tribal Planning Department – Permit Requirements

If you are planning to replace a deck, roof, or do any work on your home—including replacing a hot water heater—you may need a building permit from the Swinomish Tribe’s Planning Department. If you are on fee simple property, you may need to submit plans to both Skagit County and the Tribe.



These governmental entities are responsible for enforcing local building codes, whereas the Shelter Bay Building Committee only has authority to enforce the protective covenants. Adherence to both local building codes and the covenants are required for most projects and Shelter Bay will be working closely with the Swinomish Tribe’s planning department to simplify the process and to answer questions that members may have regarding future permit requirements.

If you have questions as to whether you need a Tribal Building Permit, please call 360-466-7280 or visit their website at <https://www.swinomish-nsn.gov/planning-permitting/page/residential-permits>