

Temporary Inspection Policy during Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Orders

Policy for Compliance with Governor's Orders:

Most private construction activity within the State of Washington has been declared a "non-essential activity" by the Governor's March 23rd "[Stay Home, Stay Healthy](#)" Order and the March 25th "[Guidance on construction](#)" clarification. Emergency repairs and appliance replacements, such as water heaters, furnaces or other repairs necessary to maintain the safety and integrity of the building may be exempt from the Governor's Orders. All "non-essential" construction activity shall be suspended until the Order is lifted.

It is the owner/contractor's responsibility to ensure that their construction activity is compliant with or exempt from the Governor's Orders prior to requesting an inspection. Please direct questions about whether your project may proceed in a manner compliant with or exempt from the Governor's Orders to business@mil.wa.gov.

No inspections to be performed within occupied dwelling units:

The term "occupied dwelling units" refers to single family dwellings, duplexes and apartment buildings. The designation does not include new construction of dwelling units where the structure is not yet occupied or non-residential commercial structures. Until further notice, the City of Everett will not perform in-person inspections within occupied dwelling units.

Inspections that can take place outside may still be performed as long as there is outside access without public contact. Contact the inspectors via the 'Inspector contact instructions' below to provide access instructions or discuss alternative inspection methods.

Inspection requests should only be made for projects that are compliant with the Governor's Orders.

What do I do if I am in need of a emergency inspection within an occupied dwelling unit?

When conditions exist that require an inspection to preserve life or property, an emergency inspection will be considered. In general, emergency inspections are reserved for unsafe situations, such as no power or no heat. If you think you have a need for an emergency inspection in your occupied residential dwelling unit, please contact us via the 'Inspector contact instructions' below. Your situation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

What can I do until I can get my inspection?

The use of your property has not been restricted. You can continue to occupy your dwelling unit. The area of work needing to be inspected will need to remain uncovered until the required inspection(s) can be performed.

Inspector contact instructions:

Request inspections online at pw.everettwa.gov

Phone: 425-257-8810, Option 4, available between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. only.

Email: everetteps@everettwa.gov – Will be forwarded to the appropriate inspector for follow-up.

Thank you for your compliance, patience and understanding as we take these measures to protect our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to check everettwa.gov/permits for updates.