



Inspection Requirements

Post your **Inspection Record** (in its blue plastic bag) in a conspicuous place when construction begins and leave it posted until all inspections have been satisfied. That inspection record is your proof that the required inspections have been done and it should be saved along with all the other important paperwork concerning the project.

Make certain that your project address is posted and easily visible from the road.

The day prior to when an inspection is needed call the automated inspection hotline, at 360-778-5902 **or** submit your [request online](#), or locate the link on the Planning & Development Services home page on the right hand side under Inspection Hotline. You will need your contact information, site address, permit number and type of inspection needed. Have your permit information details ready when making the call or submitting online.

Point Roberts inspections are done on Tuesday. Lummi Island inspections are done on Wednesday only. Glacier area inspections are done on Monday and Wednesday.

The first inspection you need to call in for is the pre-construction meeting. One of our building inspectors will respond in person or by phone to complete the pre-construction meeting. The required inspections for your project will be discussed during this meeting, along with important information about permit conditions that will be required as your project moves toward final occupancy.

General required progress inspections include, but are not limited to:

- Erosion and Sediment Control
- Foundation Inspection
- Slab Insulation/Under-Slab Plumbing
- Framing
- Rough Plumbing and Mechanical
- Insulation
- Electrical
- Gypsum Wallboard (when part of an engineer assembly)
- Lath (when applicable)
- Final Inspection

In addition to the above standard inspections, you must call the Building Services Division at 360-778-5900 whenever a complication arises or whenever any alterations are made to the submitted plans.

There is a 180-day period in which to start construction. A start constitutes a poured foundation or equal.

It is your responsibility to make sure the permit does not expire. Failure to commence the project or abandonment of construction for 180-days results in expiration of the permit.

Continued construction activity must be verified through regular inspections. If a special inspection is required to verify continued construction activity, a fee of \$120.00 + \$3.60 Technology Fee is required to be paid in advance of the inspection.

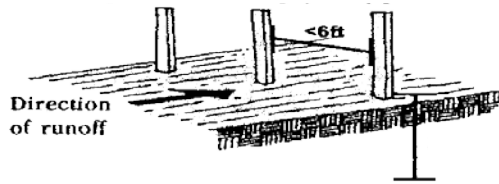
Pursuant to the current International Residential Code, inspections are mandatory

NOTE: Fees will be assessed in accordance with the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (UFS) in effect at the time of application submittal. Please contact Planning and Development Services to determine project specific fees. Click [here](#) to see the 2019/2020 UFS.

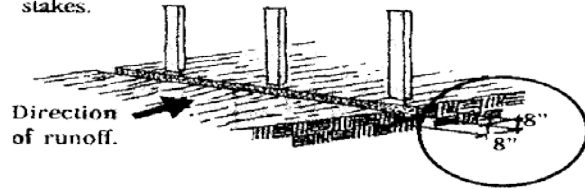
Per UFS 2843 all permits and applications are subject to a Technology fee. The fee is calculated on the permit/application fees due.

INSTALLING AND USING SILT FENCING

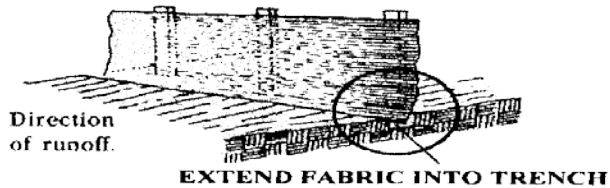
1) Set the stakes a maximum of 6' apart



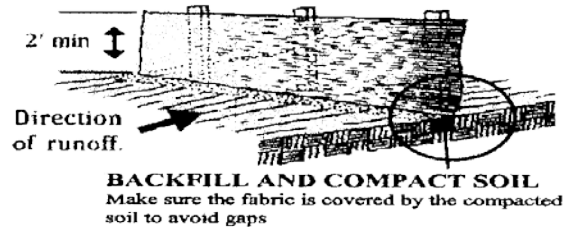
2) Excavate a 8" x 8" trench upslope along the line of stakes.



3) If the filter fabric did not come attached to the posts, staple the filter material to the posts. Extend the fabric into the trench.



4) Backfill and compact the excavated soil.



Limitations:

- Requires specific standards for effective use (i.e. barriers are defined by slope gradient and areas being drained).
- Not for use in streams or v-shaped ditches.

Maintenance Requirements:

- Inspect fences regularly for signs of damage or deterioration and repair immediately.
- Remove sediment before it reaches 6 inches in height.

Using Mulches at Construction Sites

Mulch Material	Application Rates	Things to Consider
Straw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2" – 3" thick • 5 bales/1,000 sf or 2-3 tones/acres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulch should be thick enough that soil can't be seen through the mulch.
Hydromulch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-30 lbs/1,000 sf or 1,500-2,000 lbs/acres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply with hydromulcher • Do not use without seed and tackifier unless the application rate is at least doubled.
Chipped Site Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2" minimum thickness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, not for use on slopes greater than 10%.
Wood-based ("Hog Fuel")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2" thickness • 100 tons/acre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of weed plants or seeds should be monitored and prevented or minimized.

Limitations:

- Should be used in conjunction with other best management practices.
- Intended as a temporary measure for soil stabilization and/or while temporary or permanent vegetative cover is established.

Maintenance Requirements:

- Inspect mulched areas within 24 hours after each rainfall or period of heavy winds or daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.
- Additional mulching material should be applied immediately when thickness of the cover has been reduced and/or erosion occurs.
- Continue inspection until vegetative cover has been established.