
Site Development Activity Permit (SDAP)

A Site Development Activity Permit, or SDAP, is required before starting most site work like clearing, grading or construction that affects drainage, steep slopes, or critical areas.

It helps make sure your project:

- Manages stormwater runoff
- Protects water quality and nearby properties
- Builds safe infrastructure (like roads, sidewalks, and utilities)

Do I Need an SDAP?

You'll need one if your project involves:

- The Stormwater Worksheet identifies that your project is a “Large Project” requiring Full Drainage Review
- Grading 150+ cubic yards of dirt
- Creating steep slopes (3:1 or steeper, over 5 feet tall)
- Diverting a stream, ditch, or drainage course
- Building berms that hold more than 18 inches of water
- Clearing or disturbing land on steep slopes (30% or more) or near wetlands, streams, or shorelines
- Any other project that the County finds could create a drainage problem

What's a “Large Project”?

A large project triggers all 9 of the County's stormwater Minimum Requirements. Your project is large if it:

- Adds 5,000+ square feet of hard surfaces for parcels within urbanized areas
- Adds 10,000+ square feet of hard surfaces for parcels within rural areas
- Moves 5,000+ cubic yards of earth
- Converts $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of native vegetation to lawn within urbanized areas
- Converts 2.5 acres of native vegetation to pasture within urbanized areas

See the County's [Stormwater Worksheet](#) to find out if your project is a Large Project.

What Kind of Drainage Review Do I Need?

Use the Drainage Review Section of the Stormwater Worksheet to see what applies. If you're in a critical area or near sensitive slopes, you may need:

- Civil Engineered Plan Sets
- Geotechnical Report
- A Mitigation Plan from a habitat biologist

When Is a Professional Engineer Required?

You'll need an engineer if:

- A Downstream Analysis is required for construction within a critical drainage area
- Your project is a Large Project
- Your project clears more than 1 acre of land
- You're constructing improvements in a County right-of-way
- You're designing stormwater systems like pipes, swales, or vaults that require engineered calculations
- The County determines engineered plans are necessary

How Much Does an SDAP Cost?

Fees depend on your project size. Visit kitsap.gov/dcd or contact us to learn more.

What Other Permits Might You Need?

Depending on your project, you might also need:

- Right-of-Way Permit
- Building Permit (for structures or retaining walls)
- Shoreline or other Environmental Permit
- [NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit](#) through the Department of Ecology
- Other land use approvals depending on the proposed use of the project. [Contact a Land Use Planner](#) for more information.

More Questions?

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