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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

ATTENTION

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RE: Flood Damage Building Permits

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR WORK AND YOU MUST CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. A permit is vital to ensure that our community is complying with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood insurance rates are directly linked to compliance with the NFIP. Building inspectors will be visiting flood damaged structures to assist homeowners and ensure that the appropriate permits have been obtained.

1. All structural and non-structural repair work, including replacing insulation and drywall, requires that a Building Permit be obtained and the work must be inspected. Please contact the Building Department at (509) 962-7506 to find out more. A Flood Permit may be required.
2. In addition, any repair work completed on any component of HVAC systems, plumbing and/or other mechanical systems must also be permitted.
3. A **free** "Permit of Record" will be provided at no cost for the following types of repairs. A free "Permit of Record" can be completed in the field by a building inspector during an on-site visit. Please call the Building Department at (509) 962-7506 to schedule a site visit.
 - Insulation replacement.
 - Drywall replacement.
4. MOLD is one of the biggest problems to structures after a flood event and it is very important that all wet building materials and carpets, rugs, furniture, etc. be removed and the affected areas allowed to thoroughly dry out. The area must then be disinfected before repairs take place. All building elements must contain less than 12% moisture content to prevent mold growth.
5. Seasonal homes and/or recreational homes must be repaired after becoming wet during a flood event. If a structure is not dried out and, then, materials replaced, it may become uninhabitable due to MOLD contamination. Kittitas County will be actively visiting flooded homes to determine if corrective actions have been initiated and the appropriate permits obtained.
6. The WA State Department of Labor and Industries is in charge of all electrical work, including the main circuit panel. If you think that there has been water infiltration or damage to the electrical system you will need to have it inspected by a licensed electrician or L&I. Contact either an electrician or L&I at (509) 454-3760 or 1-800-354-5423.