



**Building Services**  
808 West Spokane Falls Blvd  
Spokane WA 99201-3343  
(509) 625-6300

**SFR-16**  
**Special Inspections**  
**Required for SFR**  
**Construction**

---

Although primarily seen in commercial construction, Special Inspections may be required for residential projects where the proposed construction methods or practices will require an added degree of oversight in order to ensure that the resulting structure is safe. Special Inspection services may be provided by any testing/inspection agency certified by the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO).

You may contact the Building Department at 625-6300 in order to obtain a current list of WABO-certified agencies. The Special Inspection agency shall be hired by the owner, and is required to provide progress and final reports to this department in accordance with the International Building Code 1704.1.2.

The Building Department requires that agreement forms be signed and submitted if Special Inspection is determined to be required, prior to issuance of any building permits.

Special Inspection will be required for your project if you propose any of the following:

1. Structural welding of steel.
2. Concrete, steel, wood, or other foundation piles.
3. Engineered earth retaining systems.
4. Insulated foam-form wall systems.
5. Insulated foam sandwich wall and roof panels.
6. Materials requiring Special Inspection per their Evaluation Report.
7. Special cases when deemed necessary by the Building Official.
8. An engineered design where Special Inspection has been specified by the design engineer of record.

Please indicate at the time of permit application if you propose any of the above which may require a Special Inspector.

You may not cover up any work for which Special Inspection is required until both the Special Inspector and City Inspector have approved such work.

For more information regarding engineered design, please refer to our handouts entitled "When is Engineering Required?" and "What is an Evaluation Report?"