

Contractor Licensing Requirements

RainWise Program - Contractor Licensing Requirements

Participating RainWise contractors and designers must have a City of Seattle business license and be licensed to do business in the State of Washington.

<http://www.seattle.gov/rca/licenses/Licmain.htm>

<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/licensing.aspx>

RainWise projects must be completed by a State of Washington General or Specialty licensed contractor.

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Contractors/HowReg/default.asp>

Participating RainWise contractors and designers operating as corporations or limited liability companies must also be registered with the Office of Secretary of State.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/registration_forms.aspx

Washington State Contractor License Requirements

To do construction work in Washington, a contractor or company must register with the Washington Department of Labor and Industries.

General Contractor

- Post a \$12,000 bond.
- \$50,000 of property damage insurance
- State Uniform Business Identification (UBI) number
- State revenue tax number
- Office of Secretary of State registration for corporations/LLCs only
- IRS employer account number for employees
- Employment security number for employees
- Industrial insurance number for employees

Specialty Contractor

- Post a \$6,000 bond
- \$50,000 of property damage insurance
- State Uniform Business Identification (UBI) number
- State revenue tax number
- Office of Secretary of State registration for corporations/LLCs only
- IRS employer account number for employees
- Employment security number for employees
- Industrial insurance number for employees

A **general contractor** can perform or supervise numerous building trades or crafts.

A **specialty contractor** can perform **one** building trade or craft. Only a landscape specialty contractor can perform landscaping.

WAC 296-200A-016 (33) "Landscaping"--A contractor in this specialty constructs, maintains, repairs, installs and develops landscape systems and facilities for public and private gardens and other areas which are designed to aesthetically, architecturally, horticulturally, or functionally improve the ground within or surrounding a structure or tract or plot of land. Also prepares and grades plots; treats, conditions, prepares, and installs topsoil; performs hydroseed spraying; and plants all decorative vegetation. Landscaping includes installation of nonload bearing slabs, walkways and areas using concrete, brick, stone, or gravel; decorative wooden decks; garden walls, fences and screens up to six feet in height; and all other materials and equipment common to the industry. This specialty includes installation of residential lawn sprinklers (without pumps), ponds and water-features. *(Excluded from this specialty are cast in place or tilt up concrete, load bearing walls for structures, perimeter fencing along property lines or boundaries.)* Work in this specialty may also require an electrical license per chapter [19.28](#) RCW and/or plumber certification per chapter [18.106](#) RCW. Registration is not required for companies who only deliver material and are not installing or placing the product.