Timber harvest activities are regulated through Kitsap County Code Chapter 18.16, and the Washington State Forest Practices Act RCW 76.09.

A Kitsap County Timber Harvest Permit is required for certain tree clearing activities. In addition, a Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Practices Application (FPA) is also required for most tree clearing activities.

**A Kitsap County Timber Harvest Permit is required for the following tree clearing activities:**
- Removal of more than 5000 board feet of merchantable timber
- Removal of trees within a critical area or a required buffer zone
- Conversion of forested lands for future development
- Hazard tree harvest site visit by County staff.

**A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Practices Application (FPA) is typically required when:**
- Removal of more than 5000 board feet of merchantable timber is proposed, and
- The underlying parcel is greater than two acres in size.

Please visit the DNR website for FPA guidance: [www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/ForestPractices/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/ForestPractices/Pages/Home.aspx)

If you intend to develop your property within three years of logging, it is considered a “Conversion” FPA and the DNR application forms are included with the Kitsap County Timber Harvest Permit Application packet.

If you intend to continue growing trees for at least three years after the proposed logging activity, a “Non-Conversion” FPA must be obtained directly from the DNR, and a Kitsap County Timber Harvest Permit will not be required.

If you are undecided about future development activities, you may apply for a Conversion Option Harvest Plan (COHP) through the County Timber Harvest Permit and DNR FPA process. A COHP is an agreement between the applicant and Kitsap County that may allow a limited tree harvest under less restrictive permit conditions. Kitsap County agrees not to impose a moratorium if you comply with COHP conditions of approval. If the terms of the COHP are violated, the County may impose a six-year moratorium on permits.

Property logged without a Timber Harvest Permit or a DNR FPA will receive an automatic 6-year moratorium for building permits.

**Application forms:**
The Timber Harvest Permit Application form and associated SEPA checklist forms are available on the Kitsap County Department of Community Development home page, under Forms and Brochures ([www.kitsapgov.com/dcd](http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd)). Contact the Department of Community Development, Environmental Programs Division at (360) 337-5777 should you have any questions about the review process.

**Application fee:**
A fee schedule can be viewed on the Department of Community Development home page ([www.kitsapgov.com](http://www.kitsapgov.com)). Please note that additional hourly fees may be required based on the size and complexity of the project.

**Other permits that may be required:**
- Site Development Activity Permit (SDAP) for grading activities,
- Permit to Work in a County Right-of-Way,
- Road Approach Permit (for installation of access roads onto a county road).