



Kitsap County Department of Community Development

# Blue Address Sign FAQs

## I Have a New Address. Now What?

### ***When do I start using my new address?***

You may start using your address on the Effective Date inserted in the letter you received from the Department of Community Development. If you have not received this information, please call 360.337.5777 to verify.

### ***How long will the post office (USPS) deliver mail to my old address?***

USPS will continue delivering mail to your old address one year from the date of the notification to USPS. After that, the mail to the old address is returned to the sender. For a smoother transition, post both your old and new address on your mailbox for six months.

### ***What if I receive my mail through a post office box?***

You can continue to receive your mail through a post office box. Emergency responders will use the new address to locate your home or other structure in case of emergency. You will still need to notify the post office of your new address.

### ***Who do I need to inform of my address change?***

You will need to inform the [Department of Licensing](#) and anyone you receive mail from including:

- Bank
- Cable/ Dish Provider
- Cell Phone
- Employer
- Family
- Insurance Companies
- Magazines Subscriptions
- Medicaid, WIC, and other Government offices
- Online Purchasing web sites
- Utilities
- Lenders
- Tenants/Renters
- GPS Search Companies (Google Maps, Bing Maps, etc.)



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Once your address is updated, we will inform the following organizations:

- United States Postal Service
- Local Branch of the United States Postal Service
- County Central Communications (CenCom-911)
- Cascade Natural Gas
- FedEx
- Kitsap County Auditors/Elections
- Kitsap County Road Department
- Kitsap County Mapping
- Kitsap County Treasurer
- Kitsap County Assessor
- Kitsap County Wastewater Division
- Puget Sound Energy
- Local School District
- Local Water District
- Local Fire District

## ***How does this effect emergency response to my residence?***

Emergency response systems first take the 911 call, then find your residence, where the emergency responders will get sent. If your address is appropriately updated and your blue address sign is visible, it allows emergency responders to locate you easily. The Next Generation 911 software requires a higher quality of addressing data to function properly, which is why some addresses will be getting corrected. Our blue address signs meet these standards as well.

## ***Can I appeal my address change?***

Yes. This is a land use decision; you have the right to appeal per Kitsap County Code Title 21.04.090 Appeals. To apply for an appeal, click [HERE](#). If you need additional information, please contact a permit tech about requirements through Live Chat or at 360.337.5777, [help@kitsap1.com](mailto:help@kitsap1.com).

## ***Do I need to have a new deed recorded for my home with the new address?***

No. the deed to your home is based on the actual property boundaries, not your 911 address.

## ***How do I inform Google maps of my address change?***

First, open [Google Maps](#) and make sure you are signed in. Zoom in and click where you see the problem. In the top left corner, click the main menu. On the main menu, click send feedback, then click report a data problem. Follow the instructions to report your issue. Once complete, click submit.