Frequently Asked Questions

What is Permavia?

Permavia provides a pre-submission review service that helps permit applicants identify potential issues with their application materials before submitting them to a permitting jurisdiction.

What is available to Spokane residents?

Permavia is providing its Intake Completeness service at no cost to eligible Spokane residential applicants for one year. The free service is available as of 9/30/2026.

What does Intake Completeness review?

The service reviews residential permit materials for completeness and identifies potential issues such as missing documents, missing plan sheets and internal inconsistencies.

Why is the service being offered?

The partnership is intended to support residents rebuilding following the Spokane Complex wildfires and help reduce avoidable delays associated with incomplete permit applications.

Is Permavia required?

No. Use of Permavia is voluntary.

Does Permavia replace the City's permit review?

No. Applicants will continue to submit permit applications directly to the City of Spokane. City staff will conduct the official review and retain authority over all permitting decisions.

Does using Permavia guarantee that my application is complete or will be approved?

No. Permavia provides a pre-submission review. Its findings do not constitute City approval or guarantee that an application will be determined complete or approved by the City.

How much does it cost?

Intake Completeness is free for eligible Spokane residential applicants for one year. The charge will automatically be removed for qualifying projects.

Will I receive documentation showing that my application was reviewed?

Permavia and the City are developing a pre-screening summary that applicants can include with their permit materials. The summary is expected to identify the materials reviewed and the results of the completeness check.

Where do I submit my permit application?

Permit applications should continue to be submitted directly to the City of Spokane through the City's normal permitting process on https://aca.spokanepermits.org.

Does Permavia offer other services?

Yes. Permavia also offers a more detailed permit review service. That service is separate from the free Intake Completeness program and is available at Permavia's standard rates.