

YURTS

Any yurt placed in Skamania County, regardless of type of use, will require engineering for the type of use and snow load area it is being placed in, including a site-specific foundation. Engineering shall be stamped and signed by an engineer licensed in the State of Washington and shall be submitted with the plans and application. Any structural modifications to yurts will require engineering.

Example 1: *We want to use our yurt to store our camping equipment, so we don't always have to haul it back and forth. During the day we'd like to sit in the yurt or let the kids play games, but at night we would sleep in our RV. What would be the requirements for this?*

This would be an accessory structure. The yurt would not be required to have sanitation facilities since the RV would accommodate that requirement. However, there would be no sleeping or overnight use allowed within the yurt itself. Reminder: The use of the RV does have time limit requirements.

Example 2: *We want to place a yurt on our recreational property where we go hunting. We would like to sleep in the yurt, but plan to do our cooking on a camp stove outside. We don't have power or water or anything on our property. We only use it about one weekend a month.*

This would be an R-1 occupancy. An R occupancy, whether used full-time or occasionally, is required to be provided with a minimum of one water closet, one lavatory, and one bathtub or shower. Each required fixture needs to be supplied with hot and cold running water. All sanitary requirements shall be met. You will also need ventilation, smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm, proper egress, etc.



Example 3: *We want to place a yurt that we will use during the summer. We only plan to sleep in it and cook in it and use a composting toilet.*

This would be an R-1 occupancy. All sanitary requirements will also need to be met and ventilation, an exhaust hood, smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm and proper egress will be required.

Example 4: *We like how yurts look instead of building a house, we want to place a yurt to live in year-round. We would like to be off grid*

This would be a single-family dwelling. **All** building, sanitary, energy and ventilation code requirements will apply in addition to minimum design criteria and engineering.

If your property is in the **National Scenic Area**, additional NSA permitting will be required. Please contact (509) 427-3900 or email permitcenter@co.skamania.wa.us for details.

Building Permit applications can be found at www.skamaniacounty.org/building