



What is farm labor housing?

Housing for agricultural workers.¹

Where is farm labor housing allowed?

Farm labor housing may be allowed as an accessory use to a commercial agricultural activity. Generally, all zone classifications (zoning) allow accessory uses. **However**, the housing **must be on the same site** as the commercial agricultural activity.¹

Is a building permit required for farm labor housing?

Yes. The Development Center issues building permits and enforces standards for housing. Depending on the size and location of your structure, you may need **a site development permit, critical area review, or both.**

For help or more information:

- Submit an online question at [Ask the Development Center](#)
- Ask a question using [Live Chat](#)
- Call the Development Center at (253) 798-3739
- Visit the Development Center, Monday – Friday between 9 am and 2 pm, at 2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

*Please have the parcel number or site address on hand. You can find your parcel number and additional site information by visiting [About My Property](#).*²

This is a reference tool only, and is not a substitute for codes and zoning regulations. You must ensure that your project meets the requirements of all applicable codes and regulations.

¹ [Section 18A.36.060\(13\)-General Accessory Use List and Section 18A.36.070-Accessory Uses in Agricultural Resource Lands, Pierce County Code Title 18A](#)

² <https://palsonline.co.pierce.wa.us/palsonline/j/AboutMyProperty>