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MANUFACTURED, MOBILE, MODULAR, PARK MODEL...what are they?



"**Manufactured home**" or "**mobile home**" is a structure, designed and constructed to be transportable in one or more sections and is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities that include plumbing, heating, and electrical systems contained therein.

The structure must comply with the national mobile home construction and safety standards act of 1974 as adopted by chapter [43.22](#) RCW if applicable. "**Manufactured home**" **does not include a modular home**. A structure which met the definition of a "manufactured home" at the time of manufacture is still considered to meet this definition notwithstanding that it is no longer transportable.

A "**mobile home**" may also be a factory-built dwelling built before June 15, 1976, to standards other than the national manufactured housing construction and safety standards act of 1974 (42 U.S.C 5401 et seq.) and acceptable under applicable state codes in effect at the time of construction or introduction of the home into this state.

Both are licensed through L&I and require alteration permits from L&I for any additions or installations (such as new appliances or woodstoves). DCD permits for the above are required for installation, relocation to, or within Jefferson County and demolition. Either may be affixed to a parcel through a "Title Elimination".

For more information visit: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=65.20&full=true#65.20.020>



"Modular Home"

Residences that are partially constructed offsite to the same state, local or regional building codes as site-built homes and transported to the site.

Other types of systems-built homes include panelized wall systems, log homes, structural insulated panels, and insulating concrete forms. These require the same building and land use permits as structures built on site.

Park models, park trailers and recreational vehicles...

“Park Model or Trailer”

A trailer-type unit that is primarily designed to provide temporary or permanent living quarters that meets the following criteria:



1. Built on a single chassis and mounted on wheels.
2. Gross trailer area does not exceed 400 square feet (37.15 square meters) in the set-up mode.
3. Is certified by the manufacturer as complying with American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI) Standard A119.5.
4. If sold, leased, or offered for sale in the state of Washington, is identified by a state-plan insignia issued by the Department of Labor and Industries, signifying compliance with Chapter [296-150P](#) WAC and ANSI A119.5.

DCD does not issue permits for these, but approval from Environmental Health for water and septic hook-ups is required. Contact EH at 360-385-9444 for more information.



“Recreational Vehicle”

A vehicular type unit that is primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational camping, travel, or seasonal use that either has its own motive power or is mounted on or towed by another vehicle.

Recreational vehicles include camping trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, motor homes, travel trailers, and truck campers. A recreational vehicle that is sold or leased in the state of Washington is required to have either a state-plan or self-certified insignia from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries that signifies compliance with Chapter [296-150R](#) WAC and ANSI A119.2.

DCD does not issue permits for recreational vehicles.

Recreational vehicles are required by law to dispose of all waste in approved locations.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/soaplake/html/SoapLake17/SoapLake1771.html#17.71.02>