

7. I understand the first written application will have preference when a site becomes available unless I qualify as a priority per Tribal Council direction.
8. I am aware that only one homesite is allowed per household. Trading for a different site is a low priority on the waiting list.
9. I understand that if my heirs are not enrolled members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, they are not eligible to inherit a homesite lease.
10. I will personally inspect the lot.
11. I understand that I have to obtain financing and occupy the site permanently within 15 months of obtaining the lot, or the lease will be cancelled.
12. I am aware that non-designated homesites can take an indefinite amount of time to process, and I have read the Homesite Lease Process sheet that describes lease fees and responsibilities.
13. I understand that water availability is not guaranteed at rural sites.
14. I understand that it is **my responsibility** to notify the Tribal Lands Department of **any** changes in the information I have given.
15. I understand that I must update my homesite lease application annually or risk being removed from the homesite waiting list.
16. I understand that if the Lands Department attempts to contact me and I am unavailable, the homesite office will move down the list to the next eligible applicant in line.
17. I have read and understand the Homesite Lease Process page attached to the front of this application.
18. If you have any further comments you would like the Homesite leasing office to be aware of, please list them below:

By signing below, I am confirming that I have read and understand the information requested by the Tribal Lands Department.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HOME SITE LEASE PROCESS

(November 2005 Update)

Upon completion of your application, you will be placed on the waiting list. The number of applications to lease Tribal land for home site purposes has tripled over the last few years. We now receive over 100 applications per year and we currently have a backlog of approximately 350 requests. When a home site becomes available, it will be leased to the applicant who has priority status and has been waiting the longest for that area. Priority status was determined by the Tribal council to be those with the greatest need (dire need families, homeless, elders, other families with minor children, and families or individuals with the financial means to develop a site) and those waiting longer than three years. More than 80 applicants have priority status and are being served on a first-come, first-served basis (according to Tribal Land Ordinance 45B); however, only about 50 lots become available each year, on average. It is important that you notify the Tribal Lands Department if any information you have given should change to assure that you will be prioritized correctly and you will not be moved down the list due to the inability to contact you. You will be required to update your application annually or risk your name being removed from the homesite waiting list.

Lands staff are working to see that current Lessees are using their sites. If a lessee is not permanently living on a site within 15 months of receiving a homesite lease, his or her lease can be cancelled and assigned to another Tribal member. Lands staff are also working to create more lots.

Creating a New Site

A new home site must be on 100% Tribal trust land, or on a parcel of individually-owned trust land in which the applicant has permission from the owners to set up a homesite. The Tribal Council asks that we not develop Tribal fee tracts, irrigated tracts or prime farmland if possible.

A new site is checked for building and sewage treatment suitability, irrigation conflicts, and distance to surface waters, power and road access. If no community water system is available, Tribal staff members make every reasonable effort to determine if the site has enough water for a domestic well, but cannot guarantee availability due to cost constraints. Tribal Historic Preservation, Housing, Natural Resources, Forestry and Law and Order staff are also asked to review each site. Their comments are included in an Environmental

Assessment (EA) that is presented to the Tribal Council. If approved, the BIA Superintendent signs a decision notice for advertisement in the newspaper. Federal law requires that all leases that involve a change in land use must undergo this process.

If the Superintendent's decision to lease the property is not appealed, a lease is written and signed by the applicant, appropriate Tribal officials, and the Superintendent. The lease is then recorded at the Tribe's Title Plant. You must have a completely signed lease in hand before work can begin on the lease.

Improvements

All improvements to the site, such as fencing, access, power, drainage and sewer and water development are the responsibility of the Lessee. The lease may have conditions that must be followed before development, and irrigation fees may apply on some sites.

Home Site Rental Rates

Rental rates for individually-owned trust lands are determined by the owner(s). Owners may consent to a minimal rate, or they may require Fair Market Value, as determined by a professional appraiser. Each owner must consent to a rental rate.

On 100% Tribal land, lot rental is due for five years in advance. Lots smaller than 1.26 acres rent for \$25. per year (\$125. for five years). Lots larger than 1.25 and up to 2.5 acres lease for \$125. per year (\$625. for 5 years). Sites larger than 2.5 acres lease for \$250. per year (\$1,250. for 5 years). Rental is waived for the disabled and those older than 59.