

AutoZone building store in Wenatchee: Automotive parts store set to open by early August

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WENATCHEE -- Nationwide auto parts retailer AutoZone is building its first North Central Washington store at 1035 Springwater Ave.

Construction began May 31 and the store should open by Aug. 1, said Norm Whittle, job superintendent of R&O Construction, the Ogden, Utah, firm hired to build the store.

AutoZone officials didn't immediately return phone calls for comment, but a building permit on file with the city of Wenatchee shows that AutoZone is building a 7,400-square-foot store.

The store is on the west side of the Walgreens parking lot. City building records show that Bellevue-based company Springwater LLC owns the property.

The Memphis-based AutoZone has more than 3,500 stores in the U.S. and Mexico, including 10 in Washington. None of the its stores are franchised, its Web site says.

The store sells new and remanufactured auto parts and accessories.