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## DEMOLITION PERMITS

### What are demolition permits?

The purpose of this brochure is to provide an overview of the demolition permit requirements.

Demolition permits are required to assure that your site is left in a safe, sanitary condition and that the structure is removed from the assessor's property tax rolls.

Demolition may be done by an owner; any contractor hired for a demolition must be licensed by the State of Washington.

### How long will it take to process the application?

Most applications will be approved within 24 hours. However, the complexity and location of a proposed demolition such as those adjacent to waterbodies could require extra precautions and may require additional review time.

### State Environmental Protection Act

Structures inventoried as either eligible for listing or listed on a historic register require a SEPA checklist and review, which adds significant time to the process. If you think this may be the case, consult with the Planning and Building department prior to submitting your permit.

### How much will the demolition permit cost?

Fees for processing the permit and providing inspections for the project shall be charged at the rate specified in department fee schedules. Please refer to the current fee schedule or consult with department staff.

The 2022 demolition permit fee is \$65.00, plus a \$6.50 state fee for a residential structure or \$25.00 for a commercial structure.

### What requirements must be met once the permit is approved?

- Utilities. Contact the appropriate utility companies to have water, gas and electricity properly disconnected before starting the demolition (**Call Before You Dig** 1-800-424-5555 or 811).
- Dust/asbestos/demolition permits. Dust control, an asbestos survey, and demolition notification are required by the **Ecology Eastern Regional Office** (509) 329-3400.

The **Washington State Department of Labor and Industries** (509) 735-0100 also requires asbestos removal notification. Contact these agencies for their specific requirements. Asbestos surveys must be conducted by Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) inspector prior to undertaking a renovation or demolition project and asbestos removal must be performed by certified asbestos workers.

- Site clean up
  - ✓ Remove all floors, foundations, footing, basement and retaining walls, down to 18 inches below grade. Basement sections below this level must be broken into pieces not more than 8 inches in any dimension.
  - ✓ Fill excavations and other cavities with non-combustible, inorganic material smaller than 8 inches and cover with dirt or gravel so that broken concrete is not exposed.
  - ✓ Remove all sewage from existing cavities and fill with earth, sand, gravel and rocks no larger than 8 inches. Fill wells with gravel and rocks no larger than 8 inches or install a concrete cap (lined wells only) of sufficient size and weight that it cannot easily be removed.
  - ✓ Grade site so that surface is smooth and water will not run off to public rights-of-way or private property. Be sure grading conforms to existing neighboring grades on all sides of

lot. Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control measures may be required.

- √ During demolition use water to control and reduce dust and its impact on neighboring properties.
- √ Leave the site clean and in safe condition.

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