



Building Demolition

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Commercial/
Residential

A demolition permit is required for both commercial interior and entire building demolitions. A demolition permit is required for residential buildings and in-ground pools. Buildings requiring demolition permits includes buildings being demolished for site development, fire department training sites, and for unsafe conditions. To apply go online to blaine.ims16.com and complete the online application.

Prior to receiving a demolition permit, the applicant shall send the following forms to the MPCA: Notification of Intent to Perform a Demolition, and the MPCA Notification of Asbestos Related Work – all demolitions, except inground pools, require notification to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regardless of whether asbestos is present in the structure or not. The applicant shall also provide a completed Utility Disconnect Approval Form with all necessary signatures indicating proper disconnection of all utilities from the building being demolished.

Prior to receiving a demolition permit, disconnect by the provider of any natural gas, electric, cable or telephone must be completed. After this permit is issued both water and sewer disconnect inspection is required by Blaine Public Works for residential and Blaine Engineering for commercial services

In the case of on-site septic systems, private wells and storage tanks, licensed contractors in each respective field shall sign the approval form and provide written proof of proper abandonment. To properly abandon a septic system and/or tank(s), a licensed septic professional must remove and dispose of all septage, completely remove all debris from the site or the top of the tank may be crushed, the floor broken up and tank filled with clean sand and topped with 4" of black dirt. The licensed septic professional must submit a completed MPC Septic Abandonment Form to the city. Water wells may remain on site for future use, or they must be abandoned by a Minnesota licensed well driller who shall furnish proof of abandonment as required. All shallow point wells must be abandoned. Storage tanks must be completely removed from the site and disposed of properly.

Basement abandonment consists of either removing the basement walls and floors completely from the site or by removing all debris from inside the basement walls, breaking up the floor, removing the top portion of the basement wall to a minimum of 24" below grade, filling the whole basement area with clean sand and top with a minimum of 4" black dirt.

Demolition permits typically include a \$2,000 escrow fee deposit for site cleanup. The escrow fee is refunded after final inspection. All debris must be removed from the site and properly disposed of prior to final approval and return of escrow deposit.