



DEMOLITION STANDARDS

- Permits are required prior to any building demolition. Typically an erosion control, plumbing, street occupancy, cutting, and demolition permits are required.
- This guide applies to demolition which can be seen from the outside. Interior demolition on both commercial and residential properties can proceed without a permit. Note: Wauwatosa City Ordinance and Building Codes still apply even if a permit is not required.
- Erosion control methods must be in place and approved by the Building Inspector prior to disrupting existing vegetation.
- For demolition of an entire structure, sewer and water laterals to the property must be properly abandoned and approved by the Plumbing Inspector prior to demolition.
- The use of a torch for cutting requires a permit and approval by the Fire Prevention Bureau.
- Street occupancy permit and approval by Engineering Services required for any street material or dumpster storage or pavement cuts.
- City sidewalks, curbs and approaches shall be protected from damage.
- Site must be enclosed by a fence and maintained secure at all times.
- Sanitary facilities are required for on-site workers.
- Hours of demolition are from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- Demolition must be performed from the top down, floor by floor.
- Chutes must be used to transfer materials above twenty feet.
- Dust control methods are required at all times.
- Waste material must be removed and not stored on-site, burning of waste materials is prohibited.
- Floor slabs and foundations must be removed or broken into pieces smaller than one-half square foot.
- Area shall be graded to match adjoining grades.
- Topsoil (2 inches minimum) and grass are required if the lot is to be left vacant.
- A final site inspection is required.

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