

City Of Whiting, Indiana



Permit Guide For Demolitions

Steps:

1. Apply for the demolition permit using the application form provided and submit it to the Building Department. Contractor must have a contract that includes the dollar amount signed by the building owner.
2. Once the application has been approved, and after a demolition permit fee has been paid to the clerk-treasurer, a demolition permit will be issued.

Remember, it is unlawful for any person to wreck or demolish a building or structure in the city without following these two steps.

Regulations:

- The contractor must call 1-800-382-5544 to have all underground utilities located.
- The contractor shall have the responsibility to notify both NIPSCO and the Water Department 48 hours in advance of his intent to demolish a building. After NIPSCO shuts off the electric power and gas, the contractor is required to cap the gas pipe at the closest point to the foundation wall. After the Water Department shuts off the water, the contractor is required to crimp the water service pipe at the foundation wall. The gas meter and water meter are the properties of NIPSCO and the Water Department, respectively, and shall remain so.
- The contractor shall disconnect from service and securely plug the existing house sewer line at the first joint inside the property line. The sewer line shall be sealed watertight with a concrete plug and marked for future reference.
- The contractor shall remove all debris encountered within the excavation area, including foundations. No debris shall be placed within 15' of a fire hydrant. In the wrecking of the structural elements of a building, the work shall begin at the top, and continue progressively one story at a time. The columns, beams and joists supporting the floor of any story shall be left in place until the walls, flooring, and partitions of that story are completely removed. No wall or part thereof is permitted fall outwardly from the building. The contractor shall not remove any supporting structures which will endanger abutting sidewalks or buildings.
- Any hole left as a result of the excavation shall be filled with clean sand compacted every 12" with 4" of black topsoil brought up to grade and seeded. This hole should not be filled until the contractor has called the Building Department for an inspection.
- All demolition projects shall be completed within ten days of starting the project. All work of such demolition should produce the least amount of noise as possible. Extraordinary care shall be taken by the contractor to protect and not interfere with the use of neighboring structures.
- It is the contractor's responsibility to secure the demolition site from unauthorized persons, including children.
- The contractor shall assume and bear all risks of damage to, or failure of, the work and all risk of any accident or accidents, from whatever cause, until all the work has been completed. The contractor is responsible for any damage caused to streets, curbs, sidewalks and adjacent buildings or property.
- Contractors must submit a recycling plan.

Disclaimer: This information sheet is used strictly for informational purposes and is not a substitute of a demolition permit. All demolitions must adhere to applicable codes and are subject to inspections. For more information, please contact the Building Department at (219) 659-7700 or on the World Wide Web at www.whitingindiana.com.