



Land Use Services Department Building and Safety Division

Demolition Guidelines

A Q M D requires notification fourteen (14) calendar days prior to demolition/renovation activities. See contact information below. If **asbestos or other hazardous materials** are present in the building, state laws governing protection of personnel and proper disposal of such materials must be followed.

1. Any debris generated by the demolition of structures is subject to asbestos clearance prior to disposal at any San Bernardino County owned and operated Sanitary Landfills. A report from a Certified Asbestos Consultant indicating that the debris is not contaminated must be submitted to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works - Solid Waste Management Division to obtain a disposal authorization. For more information on Certified Asbestos Consultants, visit <http://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/doshacru/acruList.asp>, or contact Solid Waste, (909) 386-8701.
2. Help **maintain good air quality** by keeping the creation of dust to a minimum. <http://www.aqmd.gov/>
3. **Demo permits shall include the complete removal of the foundation. Exception:** If it is the property owner's intent to reuse the existing foundation/slab, the engineer of record may submit a structural observation report for review by the Building Official. If the Building Official determines the existing foundation/slab is usable, a building permit application must be submitted, in review, or issued reflecting the re-use of the existing slab.
4. **The discovery of cesspools, septic tanks, seepage pits, or similar sewage disposal facilities and subsequent abandonment** requires a separate permit from the Building & Safety Division. The California Plumbing Code, Section 722, stipulated the following procedure for abandonment of sewage disposal facilities:
 - (a) Remove any remaining sewage.
 - (b) Remove the cover or arch.
 - (c) Backfill with sand, earth, gravel or concrete to a height not to exceed the level of any outlet pipe, or to the top of the sidewall, whichever is less.
 - (d) Obtain inspection from the County of San Bernardino, Building & Safety Division.
 - (e) Complete backfilling to the level of the adjacent grade.
5. Cap all sewer and water lines within 5' to property line.
6. The **demolition site should be secured**. If the demolition work will extend beyond a 24-hour period, the lot must be fenced to a height of 6 feet to secure the site.
7. If the demolition and clean-up of the site requires the use or obstruction of and "public way" (i.e., street, sidewalk, etc.) an **encroachment permit** from the Department of Public Works, Permits Section may be required. For more information contact (909) 387-8046.
8. Keep erosion control measures, (e.g. silt fencing, sandbags, etc.) on site during and after demolition should a storm event occur during the demolition phase.

There are two (2) Air Quality Management Districts in San Bernardino County:

Desert Region District Office

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
14306 Park Ave.
Victorville, CA 92392-2383
Phone: (760) 245-1661
Fax: (760) 245-2022
www.mdaqmd.ca.gov

Mountain and Valley Regions District Office

South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Dr.
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182
Phone: (909) 396-2336
Fax: (909) 396-3342
www.aqmd.gov