Demolition Information
Yakima County Public Services
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- Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority (509-574-1410)
- WA State Department of Ecology (509 575-2490)
- WA State Department of Labor and Industries. (509 454-3760) Demolition of a mobile home or manufactured home may be obtained from Department of Labor and Industries or Yakima County.

Four Steps to Demolition:
1. Get a permit from us. Demolition permits are required for each structure. Demolition may include removal of the entire structure, or a portion of a structure. Depending on the scope of work, the demolition may be included in conjunction with another building permit. Please provide a photo of the structure to be demolished.
2. Manufactured Homes: Please provide proof of Ownership. Title must be un-eliminated.
3. Contact Other Agencies. (listed above) It is the owner’s responsibility to contact other Agencies for other potential permits.
4. Once your permit(s) have been issued (as well as any other agency permits), the structure can be demolished, and debris must be removed from the site to an approved landfill or recycle agency.
5. Schedule an inspection. The person doing the work shall call to schedule an inspection to verify the debris has been removed from the parcel. In some cases, framing or other inspections may be needed during the demolition if only a portion of the structure is being removed.

Frequent Asked Questions
Q: When is a Demolition Permit required?
A: A Demolition Permit is required for any proposal which involves the tearing down of any structure or any portion of a structure (IBC Section 105.1).

Q: Where do I start?
A: Come to Yakima County Public Services Department, Yakima County Courthouse, 4th Floor, 128 N. 2nd St., Yakima, WA 98901. You can also call us at (509) 574-2300.

Q: Who can apply for the permit?
A: The Property Owner or Licensed Contractor with a copy of the signed contract.

Q: Is a Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review required?
A: Maybe. It depends on the size, location, and use of the structure being demolished. Demolition of a single-family residence doesn’t require SEPA review, but removal of commercial structures and other larger structures may. Please contact an Environmental and Natural Resources Planner at (509) 574-2300 for additional information.

Q: Are pedestrian safety devices/barricades required?
A: Possibly. The answer is based on several criteria such as the height and physical location of the structure being demolished. Contact us for more information.

Q: What do I do with the debris?
A 1. You can place it in a private landfill, or
   2. In a public landfill with the approval of our Solid Waste Division. For more information call (509)574-2450.

Q: What if there are hazardous materials involved?
A: You will need to contact the Regional Clean Air Authority.

Q: Can I burn the debris?
A: You will need to contact the Regional Clean Air Authority.

Q: Can I submit an incomplete application?
A: No.

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