Demolition Permit Requirements

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The following requirements must be completed prior to the issuance of a Demolition Permit for the removal of structures in the City of Bemidji:

A. Obtain a Digging Permit
   If the property has City of Bemidji Sewer and or Water supplied, a digging permit must be obtained for the disconnection of the city water and city sewer service:

   i. If the city water supply is not to be used in the near future, the city water connections shall be shut off and disconnected at the main by a licensed plumber and shall be subject to a City plumbing inspection* prior to burial. City staff will collect a final water meter reading during the inspection. Note: utility flat fees will continue to be charged until the disconnection is completed and inspected.

   ii. City sewer connections must be disconnected and sealed and shall be subject to a City plumbing inspection* prior to burial. Note: utility flat fees will continue to be charged until the disconnection is completed and inspected.

B. Provide Documentation for Private Well and Septic
   i. If present, privately owned wells must be sealed in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health “Water Well Construction Code” Chapter 4725.

   ii. If present privately owned Septic tanks, cisterns, and cesspools shall be removed in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health and Joint Planning Board requirements.

C. Asbestos Inspection:
   i. The building must be inspected for the presence of asbestos building materials by a licensed asbestos inspector. A copy of the inspection report indicating the proper removal of any asbestos containing building components must be submitted to the Building Department prior to the issuance of a Demolition Permit.

   ii. Contact the Beltrami County Environmental Services office at (218) 751-1668 for specific instructions regarding the disposal of demolition materials.

Once the above requirements are met, a Demolition Permit may be issued by the Building Department and the following requirements must be met:

- Residential Demo ~ $50
- Commercial Demo ~ $100

i. The disposition of the structure and accessory buildings must be reported.

ii. If the dwelling unit is removed and is not going to be replaced, all other structures must also be removed.
iii. The foundation and floor shall be removed completely and disposed of at a proper site.
iv. All debris must be hauled away and disposed of properly.
v. The hole must be filled with clean sand and the lot shall be restored with four inches of topsoil and seeded.
vi. If the structure is relocated within the City of Bemidji, a building permit must be obtained and the final placement of the structure must meet all applicable 2015 Minnesota State Building Codes.

* For a City plumbing inspection call: (218) 333-1854 or (218) 766-9590

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS!