



# SUTTER COUNTY

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Building Inspection  
Code Enforcement

Engineering/Water Resources  
Environmental Health

Planning  
Road Maintenance

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## DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS

A building permit and approvals for demolishing residential and commercial structures are required to assure that the site is left in a safe and sanitary condition, and the structure is removed from the Assessor's property tax roles. Demolition requirements and fees apply to the demolition of complete, or portions of existing structures, including mobilehomes and in-ground swimming pools. Demolition may be done by the property owner or a California A or B licensed contractor. If the demolition is associated with a new building permit for additions, alterations or the remodel of an existing building, the demolition portion of the project will be included with that building permit.

### Permit Application:

- Apply for a building permit at the Permit Counter (to include paying any applicable fees).
- Provide a scaled plot plan, approved by the Planning, Environmental Health, and Fire Services Divisions and by the Public Works Department. See page 2 for plot plan requirements.

### Permit Requirements:

1. Utilities – Contact the appropriate utility companies to have water, gas and electricity properly disconnected before starting the demolition. **Before you dig call** Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811 or 1-800-227-2600. For more information go to [www.usanorth.org](http://www.usanorth.org).
2. Well destruction – Obtain permit and inspection requirements from the Environmental Health Division, as necessary.
3. Abandoned sewers and sewage disposal facilities – Complete “Septic Abandonment application” and obtain Environmental Health approval. Building sewer shall be plugged and capped within 5' of the property line. Septic tanks, cesspools and seepage pits shall have all sewage removed (pumper report/receipt required). The top cover shall be removed before being completely filled to the top of the tank with earth, sand, gravel, concrete or other approved material. After inspection, the area must be filled to the top of existing grade.
4. Site cleanup – Remove all walls, floors, roofs, foundations, footings, basement and retaining walls to a depth of 18" below grade. Basement and swimming pool floors must be either broken into pieces not more than 8" in any dimension or completely removed. All hazardous materials must be appropriately removed.
5. Excavations – Fill all excavations with non-combustible, inorganic material smaller than 8" and cover with compacted fill with no exposed concrete.
6. Dust Control – Required during demolition by use of watering or other acceptable methods.
7. Street Cleaning – Dirt or mud tracked onto County right-of-way must be cleaned of all dirt or debris.
8. Grading – Final grade to be smooth and conform to existing undisturbed soils with no water or sheet flow toward the public right of way or to adjoining parcels.
9. Inspection – Call for inspection before backfilling pool or basement excavations. Final inspection is required.

### General Information Regarding State and Federal Regulations:

1. **Asbestos:** Asbestos is regulated by the State of California-Cal/OSHA who enforces asbestos standards in construction in Title 8-California Code of Regulations, Section 1529. Abatement of a project 100 square feet or more that involves asbestos-containing construction materials must be performed by a contractor having current contractor's license and certificate for asbestos abatement work. More information can be found at: [www.cslb.ca.gov/Resources/GuidesAndPamphlets/AsbestosGuideForConsumers.pdf](http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Resources/GuidesAndPamphlets/AsbestosGuideForConsumers.pdf)
2. **Lead:** Lead abatement applies to contractors, painters, homeowners, renters, and maintenance staff. As of April 22, 2010, remodeling or demolishing more than six square feet indoors or 20 square feet outdoors must be done by a contractor trained and certified for lead safety to work in homes, daycare facilities or schools constructed before 1979. Additional lead safety information can be found at: [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).
3. **California Green Building Code:** 50% of construction waste is required to be recycled for new construction projects which include demolition. Contact a private recycler or the local Recology Yuba/Sutter office at 530-743-6933. For more information on the required “construction waste management plan”, go to [www.recolgyyubasutter.com](http://www.recolgyyubasutter.com).