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GENERAL DEMOLITION INFORMATION

PERMITS

- **The Grant County Building Department requires a permit be issued before demolition of a structure.**

The Grant County Treasurer's office will need to verify that taxes have been paid on the structure to be demolished prior to issuance of a County Building Permit.

Commercial type structures, including commercial agricultural buildings, should contact the Grant County Planning Department regarding possible SEPA or other land use permits that may be necessary prior to issuance of a County Building Permit.

- Washington State Labor and Industries requires a permit be issued or tags removed by their personnel prior to demolition of a manufactured home.

ELECTRICAL – Labor and Industries may have requirements regarding the disconnection of the electrical service. Before you begin demolition, contact Labor and Industries for their requirements and notification of termination of services.

WATER & SEWER - The Grant County Health District or the Water Purveyor or Sewer System Purveyor may have requirements regarding the termination of existing water and/or waste systems. Before you begin demolition, contact each of the involved agencies to determine their requirements such as capping of lines, notification of termination of services, etc.

HAZARDOUS WASTE and AIR QUALITY - Many people are unaware of the varied materials that may fall under the category of Hazardous Waste or dangerous materials.

Check with the Washington State Department of Ecology, Department of Health and Department of Labor and Industries regarding identification, designation or disposal of hazardous waste and dangerous materials. The web sites below provide information on Hazardous Materials and Asbestos, but are not intended to be all encompassing. Do your homework on your project and circumstances with all applicable governing agencies.

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/dangermat/demo_debris_constr_materials.html

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/dangermat/asbestos.html

www.doh.wa.gov/youandyourfamily/healthyhome/contaminants/asbestos.aspx

www.LNI.wa.gov/tradeslicensing/licensingreq/asbestos/default.asp



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The demolition of any structure must comply with the items listed below when relevant to the particular project. For most demolition projects sections 3303.2, 3303.5 and 3303.6 are the only items below that apply, however check with our office if you have any questions.

2018 IBC, Chapter 33, Section 3303

3303.1 Construction documents.

Construction documents and a schedule for demolition shall be submitted where required by the building official. Where such information is required, work shall not be done until such construction documents or schedule, or both are approved.

3303.2 Pedestrian protection.

The work of demolishing any building shall not be commenced until pedestrian protection is in place as required by this chapter.

3303.3 Means of egress.

A horizontal exit shall not be destroyed unless and until a substitute means of egress has been provided and approved.

3303.4 Vacant lot.

Where a structure has been demolished or removed, the vacant lot shall be filled and maintained to the existing grade or in accordance with the ordinances of the jurisdiction having authority.

3303.5 Water accumulation.

Provision shall be made to prevent the accumulation of water or damage to any foundations on the premises or the adjoining property.

3303.6 Utility connections.

Service utility connections shall be discontinued and capped in accordance with the approved rules and the requirements of the applicable governing authority.

3303.7 Fire safety during demolition.

Fire safety during demolition shall comply with the applicable requirements of this code and the applicable provisions of Chapter 33 of the International Fire Code.

3307.1 Protection Required.

Adjoining public and private property shall be protected from damage during construction, remodeling, and demolition work. Protection must be provided for footings, foundations, party walls, chimneys, skylights and roofs. Provisions shall be made to control water runoff and erosion during construction or demolition activities. The person making or causing an excavation to be made shall provide written notice to the owners of the adjoining buildings advising them that the excavation is to be made and that the adjoining buildings should be protected. Said notification shall be delivered not less than 10 days prior to the scheduled starting date of the excavation.