



Fire Demolition and Rebuilding FAQs

Do I need a Demolition Permit?

A building permit to rebuild in the same footprint/location includes the scope of the demolition work. However, if you are not ready to rebuild and instead want to clean up the site or are wanting to rebuild in a different location, a separate demolition permit is **required**. The fee for demolition permits has been reduced to \$35, the processing fee and technology fee will also be waived for wildfire affected properties.

Demolition Permit Requirements Checklist:

- **Provide a Site Plan:** Show lot lines, all structures on parcel and label structure(s) to be demolished, temporary erosion and sediment controls if near a body of water.
- **Obtain an asbestos survey:** This is a Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) requirement to check for the presence of asbestos. This must be done by an AHERA-certified building inspector. See ***Spokane Complex Fire Fact Sheet:*** <https://spokanecleanair.org/wp-content/uploads/Spokane-Complex-Fire-Fact-Sheet.pdf>
- **Provide notification to Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA)** by filing a Notice of Intent (NOI). This can be done online by the homeowner or the contractor who conducted the survey.
File online: Asbestos NOI & Payment Portal - Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency - <https://spokanecleanair.org/asbestos/asbestos-notifications-payment-portal/>
- Once you are ready to apply for your permit you can do so via our online portal. Accela Citizen Access - <https://aca.spokanepermits.org/>

How Should Debris be Handled

Wildfire debris can contain many types of hazardous substances that can easily become airborne and inhaled, including asbestos fibers.

Wildfire Fire Debris Disposal: <https://my.spokanecity.org/solidwaste/waste-to-energy/> and **SRCAA's Spokane Complex Fire Fact Sheet:** <https://spokanecleanair.org/property-owners-affected-by-the-spokane-complex-fire/>

More information can be found on the Spokane Regional Health District wildfire rebuilding website. **After a Wildfire: SRHD** - <https://srhd.org/health-topics/environmental-health/wildfire-smoke/after-a-wildfire>



Can we have Temporary Housing On-Site while the House is Being Rebuilt?

Yes, the City will be allowing temporary housing solutions within certain limitations. Please contact the Development Services Center to discuss your specific housing situation.

Can the Surviving Foundation be Used to Rebuild?

The foundation needs to be inspected and certified by a structural engineer to be kept for the rebuild. The City does not perform this type of inspection.

How Long will a Permit to Rebuild take to Process?

We are committed to achieving a five-to-seven-day turnaround time for rebuilds that are substantially the same footprint and substantially in the same location. There may be complicating factors in some cases that take extra review time.

Check for Credentials

It is strongly recommended that insured property owners consult with insurance providers in advance, and hire only certified, licensed and bonded contractors to assist with clean-up efforts. The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries has a verification tool available - <https://secure.lni.wa.gov/verify/>

Additional Questions

City of Spokane Development Services Center

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