



This information bulletin describes the minimum items required to obtain a demolition permit for a residential or commercial building. For clarification or additional information for a specific project call (912) 651-6530 or visit Development Services at 20 Interchange Dr.

I Forms to Complete

A **Demolition Permit Application** must be submitted to demolish a structure. The permit application must have the property identification number, address, contact numbers for contractor and owner information, number of stories, and the signature of the applicant. Prior to issuance of the demolition permit, the water and sewer disconnect inspection must be complete, and the rodent certification and a copy of the written notification to EPD must be submitted to the City. If the structure is older than 40 years old, [documentation](#) must be submitted to the Municipal Archives Department. For more information regarding this documentation, please contact [Planning & Urban Design](#) at 912-525-2783 or [Municipal Archives](#) at 912-651-6412

II Sewer/Water Disconnection, Water Meter Retrieval, and Tree Protection

A Demolition Permit will not be issued until the Water and Park & Tree departments have contacted Development Services approving the project. • To prevent debris from entering the sanitary sewer system, a Georgia licensed plumber must cap the sewer lateral. The plumber must submit a Plumbing Permit, sever the sewer lateral at the property line, and then call for an inspection from Development Services (912) 651-6540. The plumber must leave the disconnect open and protected until it has been inspected. If there is a septic tank, the tank can either be removed or the lid collapsed and filled in with dirt. The tank shall not be filled until inspected by Development Services, and the Chatham County Health Department shall also be contacted at (912) 356-2160 to notify them the tank has been demolished. • The abandoned water service(s) shall be shut off /capped at the water main by a licensed plumber. • The plumber is required to contact the Water Department at (912) 651-6593 and coordinate the collection of the existing water meter. • The contractor must contact the Park and Tree Department at (912) 651-6610 to review tree protection procedures.

III Utility Location

Dig safely. Call 1-800-282-7411 for utility location.

IV Land Disturbance Permit

If the building slab will be removed as part of the demolition for a commercial building, a Site Permit must be obtained for approval of the land disturbance activity. Contact Development Services for more information, or visit the City's website at www.savannahga.gov.

V Soil Erosion Control

For commercial projects, contact the Stormwater Department for soil erosion control requirements at (912) 650-7855.

VI EPD – Asbestos & Lead Regulations

Georgia Asbestos Regulations require written notification to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) 10 days prior to demolition and asbestos/lead inspection prior to any renovation of any facility. Contact the EPD by phone at (404) 363-7026 or by email at www.epa.gov/asbestos (www.gaepd.org).

VII Rodent Certification

Obtain a certification from a licensed exterminator indicating that rodent extermination services have been initiated at least two weeks prior to the planned demolition.

VIII Dumpster

Make sure you have a dumpster to dispose of the debris. Call (912) 651-6579 to obtain a dumpster from the City of Savannah.



IX Demolition Permit Fees

Demolition Permit Fees are based on the estimated construction valuation and number of stories and must be paid at the time the permit is issued. For additional information on the fee structure, see the City of Savannah Revenue Ordinance, visit the City's website at www.savannahga.gov, or contact Development Services at (912) 651-6530.

X Documentation of Demolition

Prior to the approval of demolition of structures that are 40 years or older, the City requires that photographs, a scaled site plan, scaled floor plans and scaled exterior elevations be submitted as part of the permit application. Details on the submission requirements are part of the application. One hardcopy and one digital copy (in TIF, JPG, or PDF format) must be submitted. Once received, the City will forward the information to the City's Municipal Archives Department prior to the issuance of a demolition permit. All materials must meet the Municipal Archives' guidelines and the donor will be required to sign and submit a Deed of Gift for the Municipal Archives. The signed Deed of Gift must be sent with the document submission. For more information, please contact Planning and Urban Design at 912-525-2783 or planning@savannahga.gov or Municipal Archives at 912-651-6412 or archives@savannahga.gov.

Note, this process is not required for properties that are under a Court order for demolition.