



Demolition permits

Permits are required to demolish a building. Plan examiners in the Milwaukee Development Center are able to issue permits for interior demolition, as well as the demolition of residential garages and sheds, provided the owner has not been issued a condemnation order for the building. All other demolition permits, including those related to condemnation orders, are issued by the Department of Neighborhood Services.

[Applications](#) for demolition permits are checked to determine whether the building proposed for demolition is a historic structure or located in a historic district. If the property is historic, the permit cannot be issued until a mandatory waiting period elapses, or until the Historic Preservation Commission has approved the permit.

Demolition applications processed by the Department of Neighborhood Services must be accompanied by various supplemental materials, including a 3" x 3" photograph of the side of the building that faces the street. To receive a packet explaining the requirements, or for answers to questions regarding demolition permits, please call the Department of Neighborhood Services at (414) 286-2557.