

DEMO/FIRE DEBRIS PERMITS

In order to expedite the removal of debris from the neighborhood, Regional Building Department (RBD) will only be issuing demolition permits to cover “demolition/ fire debris removal” for those single family dwellings (homes/houses) classified as destroyed, “D”, by the Black Forest Fire. This permit may be obtained by visiting the office at [2880 International Circle](#), calling 719-327-2923, or [online here](#). This permit limits the scope of work to the removal of fire debris, not to include the foundation. For information regarding tree removal contact [El Paso County](#). The demolition permit may be issued to the homeowner, a licensed contractor with a classification of “C” or above, or a wrecking contractor. Please note, if you are obtaining the permit as homeowner, you are responsible for entire scope of work, including delivery of materials to the dumpsite. Remember this is a construction site and therefore is subject to OSHA standards, including, but not limited to site and fall protection. Information from El Paso County regarding disposal of debris on site may be located [here](#).

No “demolition/ fire debris removal” permit will be required for accessory use structures as defined by the 2009 International Residential Code- generally not more than 3,000 square feet in area; less than two stories in height; and located on the same property as the house/ home. Accessory use structures, are also known as “out buildings” - such as non-agricultural buildings as defined by El Paso County Land Use provisions, garages, large outbuildings, sheds over 120 square feet, etc.

Whether a permit is required or not, the debris removal process/ procedures must comply with the El Paso County Health Department’s Rules and regulations [Click here](#) for complete referenced information or [here](#) for an abbreviated version. A demo / debris permit may be upgraded to a Wrecking Permit upon receipt of the required information listed below.

WRECKING PERMITS

Foundations for destroyed dwellings and dwellings that have been classified as “**SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DO NOT ENTER**” must be removed via a wrecking permit. A wrecking permit constitutes a potential higher degree of hazard/risk and may only be obtained by a licensed wrecking contractor, an

appropriately licensed contractor with a classification of “C” or above, or the homeowner. The scope of the wrecking permit may include that of a debris / demo permit including foundation removal; if a wrecking permit is obtained at the start of the project a debris / demo permit is not required. The procedures and inspections listed above for a debris / demo permit are applicable for a wrecking permit as well. Complete backfill and final grade of the foundation hole is not required if the owner intends to rebuild within a 180 day period. **Note:** In order to obtain a wrecking permit or upgrade from a debris / demo permit, notice of utility shut off (gas and electric) is required from the appropriate utility provider. If property is supplied by LPG then the notice of gas utility shut off should be provided by the LPG supplier. This notice may be in a paper or email format. Please see the Health Department Link above for foundation removal requirements.

Since outbuildings do not require a debris / demo or wrecking permit please contact the El Paso County Assessor regarding tax records.

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