

DEMOLITION PERMITS

In order to expedite the removal of debris from the neighborhood, Regional Building Department (RBD) will issue a demolition permit to cover “demolition/ fire debris removal” for those structure’s classified as destroyed, “D”, by the Waldo Canyon Fire. This expansion includes the ability to obtain the permit on the [RBD website](#), eliminating a trip to this office. This permit limits the scope of work to the removal of fire debris, not to include trees or the foundation. This demolition permit may be issued to the homeowner, or to a RBD licensed contractor with a classification of “C” or above, and of course a wrecking contractor. As part of this demolition permit process, outside agencies (El Paso County Health Department, City of Colorado Springs Storm Water and Colorado Springs Utilities) will be notified that the permit has been issued and it will be the responsibility of the permit holder to gain acceptance from El Paso County Health Department and City of Colorado Springs Storm Water prior to calling for a final building inspection. Remember this is a construction site and therefore is subject to OSHA standards, including, but not limited to site and fall protection.

Existing (remaining) foundations and structures that have been classified as “NL” (Not Livable), which have a significant amount of the structure still remaining, do not qualify for a demolition permit. These structures must be removed via a wrecking permit. A wrecking permit constitutes a potential higher degree of hazard/risk and therefore requires a licensed wrecking contractor. The procedures/ inspections listed above 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. Acceptance of soil stabilization by the City of Colorado Springs Storm Water Division and maintenance by the owner is still required