



SWIMMING POOL DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS

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The purpose of this handout is to clarify the requirements for Residential Swimming Pool Demolitions

The City of Lathrop requires a Demolition Permit before removing a swimming pool or spa, and this permit must be obtained before any work begins. There are two options for demolishing an existing pool: Complete Demolition, and Abandonment in Place.

- A **Complete Demolition** involves removing the pool entirely and will require engineering. This option reestablishes final grade to the affected area and restores it to a condition where **future construction is allowed**.
- An **Abandonment in Place** does not require engineering but leaves the shell of the pool in place, and the pool is filled in. The affected area is marked as "Unbuildable", meaning **no structure can be built over or within 5 feet** of the abandoned pool, unless a separate Complete Demolition Permit is obtained prior to any proposed work.

Please follow the requirements below for each option, before deciding to apply for a swimming pool demolition. Please also follow our General Submittal Guidelines for proper submittals to the City, or your Application may be denied.

COMPLETE DEMOLITION

PERMITTING

- Apply for a Demolition Permit through the Permit Portal, including the following:
 - A Completed Permit Application
 - A Scaled Plot Plan showing dimensions from pool perimeter to all structures and property lines
 - A Compaction Report from a Soils Engineer
 - A Completed [C&D Form](#)
 - A Completed [ESCP Form](#)

INSPECTIONS

- Obtain the Signed Permit and Approved Plans
- Remove all material from the pool area including concrete, steel, coping, decking, plumbing, and electrical conduit
- Call for a First In-Progress Inspection
- Backfill the cavity under the supervision of a licensed Soil Engineer
 - Compact with clean fill at 6-inch lifts to final grade
 - Minimum compaction of 90% relative density
 - Any alternative must be proposed by the Soil Engineer, reviewed, and approved prior to Permit Issuance
- Call for Final Inspection

ABANDONMENT IN PLACE

PERMITTING

- Apply for a Demolition Permit through the Permit Portal, including the following:
 - A Completed Permit Application
 - A Scaled Plot Plan showing dimensions from pool perimeter to all structures and property lines
 - A Signed and Notarized [Swimming Pool Abandonment in Place Affidavit](#)
 - A Completed [C&D Form](#)

INSPECTIONS

- Obtain the Signed Permit and Approved Plans
- Remove the bond beam, gunite, and all improvements to a minimum depth of 12 inches below grade, and cap all drains
- The bottom of the pool shall have two foot holes at a minimum of 3 feet by 3 feet, one in the deep end and one in the shallow end
 - Holes are to be inspected prior to filling
- Call for a First In-Progress Inspection
- Fill the pool; with approved fill, compacted in 6-inch lifts
 - Minimum compaction of 90% relative density
 - No Soil Engineer required
- Call for Final Inspection
 - A Property Hold will be placed. Marking the affected area as "Unbuildable"