

# **Requirements for Demolitions of Structures**

## **Completed Permit Application including:**

1. Construction Permit Application forms filled out completely.
2. Three (3) copies of property survey showing location of structure to be demolished and include payment for Zoning Permit Fees of \$50.00 payable to “Bernards Township”.
3. Copies of shut off letter from all utilities affected, i.e.:
  - Gas Company
  - Electric Company
  - Water Company
  - Sewer Authority
  - Health Department (Well and/or Septic Abandonment)
  - Proof of removal or abandonment of Oil Tank (separate permit required for removal/abandonment)
4. Letter from exterminator indicating proper rodent baiting.
5. Letter from the owner or agent that all friable asbestos or asbestos-containing material that will become friable during demolition or removal has been abated.
6. Statement of notification of the NJ DEP, Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste and Somerset County Solid Waste coordinator.

Agency contact information:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste  
PO Box 414  
Trenton, NJ 08625-414

Somerset County Department of Health  
County Environmental Health Act Program  
27 Warren Street, PO Box 3000  
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262  
908-231-7155

## **Required Inspections:**

1. Backfill – Prior to placement of fill material.  
(Only clean fill can be used and a minimum of 6” inches of topsoil must cover the surface to be brought back to grade. Compaction of 95% of fill material is recommended to minimize settling.) This inspection is required if the excavation is not to be used in the replacement of another structure in the same location.
2. Final – Work completed, job site free of debris, graded and seeded.

**EFFECTIVE Jan 4, 2010 there will be a Zoning Permit Fee of \$50.00 payable to “Bernards Township” due upon submittal of any Construction Permit Application that requires Zoning Review.**

**Demolition Waste Notification Statement**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have notified the NJ DEP & Somerset County Dept of Health regarding proper disposal of the debris which will be generated from the demolition of the structure located at \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that failure to notify these agencies will subject me to penalties and prosecution in accordance with the regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## Proper Disposal of Construction Material & Debris

Concrete, brick and block are classified as Class B recyclables and are regulated by the DEP, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Recycling Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:26A). People who generate Class B recyclables have two options for disposal. The first is to transport the material to a recycling center; the second is to reuse the material on-site as clean fill.

The recycling or reuse of these materials that are generated, processed, and reused on-site are exempt from the approval requirements of the DEP [N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4(a)2]. To qualify for this exemption, the DEP, Somerset County and Bernards Township must be provided with written notification of the activity as per N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4(b) 5.

To be considered for an exemption, all of the following conditions must be met:

1. The material being used for clean fill is generated at the site. Materials may not be imported for other locations.
2. The material is not contaminated by exposure to chemicals from industrial processes or exposure to other contaminants.
3. The clean fill is not mixed with other materials such as wood, glass, plastic, etc.
4. The material is processed to reduce its size in order to minimize voids in the fill.

### EXAMPLE:

A homeowner wants to demolish his swimming pool and reuse the debris as fill in its place. They must provide evidence that they notified the DEP and the Somerset County Recycling/Solid Waste Coordinator in writing to Bernards Township.

Any debris that is not concrete, brick or block must be removed from the demolition debris. This includes removal of any rebar, vinyl (from the liner), or wood from the debris. The concrete, block, or brick must be broken up to the point where it will minimize voids in the fill. A good rule of thumb is three to four inches in diameter.

The contact information for the state and county are listed below:

State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste PO Box 414 Trenton, NJ 08625-0414	Somerset County Department of Health County Environmental Health Act Program 27 Warren Street, PO Box 3000 Somerville, NJ 08876-1262 (see attached form)
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