

GETTING A DEMOLITION PERMIT

Permit application forms are available in the Building Department Permitting Center, located in the Growth Management Bureau at 2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard. The Growth Management Bureau is adjacent to the Marion County Library—Main Branch. The Marion County Growth Management Bureau is open from 8am-5pm Monday thru Thursday and from 9am-5pm on Fridays. When you come in to the main lobby, ask to be signed in to see a Permitting Specialist. The Permitting Specialist will review your application with you and assign you a permit number.

If you'd like to get a head start on the application process and fill out the form prior to visiting us, you can! Permit application forms are also available online. Go to:

www.marioncountyfl.org/building.htm

Look in the right-hand column for the [Building Department Forms](#) link. Click on this link and you will find the Permit Application Form, along with more than 40 other forms available here.

Once you have a permit number you are ready to schedule your first inspection. You can do that when you meet with one of our Permitting Specialists or you can schedule from home. We have two options: scheduling online via computer or scheduling over the phone via the Automated Inspection Request System (AIRS).

To schedule an inspection online, go to the website address listed above, and look in the right-hand column for the [Permit and Contractor License Information](#) link. Click on Item #10, which is *Schedule Inspection by Permit Number*, and provide the information when you are prompted.

You can use the AIRS system to schedule inspections, check on the status of your permit, or cancel an inspection request. The AIRS phone number is 438-2477 (438-AIRS). All you need is your permit number and a touch-tone phone to schedule an inspection. If you need assistance with scheduling an inspection call the Building Department, (352) 438-2400.

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2710 E. SILVER SPRINGS BOULEVARD
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WHAT THE FLORIDA STATE STATUTE SAYS:

Title XXXII Regulations of Professions and Occupations

Chapter 489 Contracting

“Contractor” means the person who is qualified for, and shall only be responsible for, the project contracted for and means, except as exempted in this part, the person who, for compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does himself or herself or by others construct, repair, alter, remodel, add to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any building or structure, including related improvements to real estate, for others or for resale to others; and whose job scope is substantially similar to the job scope described in any or all of the subsequent paragraphs found in this subsection. For the purposes of regulation under this part, “demolish” applies only to the demolition of steel tanks over 50 feet in height, other than buildings and residences over three stories tall; and to buildings or residences which are over three stories tall.

WHAT THE MARION COUNTY ORDINANCE SAYS:

Ordinance 05-29 Article II. Building Codes Section 5.5-31: Adoption of Building Codes

As of October 1, 2005, the 2004 Florida Building Code shall govern the design construction, alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of public or private buildings, structures, or facilities in Marion County.

Item (16): Demolition—the act of razing, dismantling, or removal of a building or portion thereof, to the ground level.

RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION PERMITS IN MARION COUNTY

A building permit is required to demolish a structure. The removal of a mobile home from a site where it is connected to utilities requires a building permit. Partial demolition in preparation for an alteration or addition may be accomplished separately with a building permit for demolition, or as part of the scope of a building permit for the alteration or addition. A separate permit may be required by the FL Department of Health if the project scope includes the abandonment of a water well and/or septic tank system.

Demolition of a structure can be a dangerous process and should be undertaken by a contractor familiar with the process required to safely remove a structure and its associated systems. A demolition contractor is not required to be licensed when the project scope does not exceed the limitations listed in S.489. An owner may act as their own contractor in this capacity when the owner believes that he/she is capable. Demolition authorized by a demolition permit must be completed within 60 days of permit issue date.

Any person undertaking the demolition of a structure must comply with federal requirements to identify and properly dispose of building materials containing asbestos. Information will be provided to every applicant for a demolition permit describing this process.

A minimum of two inspections are required for each demolition permit issued:

1. Inspection Code #200 *Pre-Demolition Utilities*

An inspector will visit the site before demolition begins to verify that the electric service, plumbing water and wastewater, and gas utilities are disconnected and properly terminated and/or capped.

2. Inspection Code #108 *Final Structural*

Call for this inspection after demolition has taken place and area has been cleared of debris.

