

Demolition Contractor Photo Checklist

Demolition work creates conditions that can never be recreated once the debris is hauled away. Pre-existing damage, hazardous material locations, utility positions, and structural conditions are all gone the moment the work is done. When a property owner disputes damage to an adjacent structure, a hazmat inspector asks questions, or a GC claims the site was not left in the agreed condition, the question is always the same: **can you prove what was there before you started, what you removed, and what you left behind?** This guide gives your crew the exact shots to capture on every demolition job.

THE 7 PHASES

Document Every Phase, Protect Every Job

01 PHASE Pre-Demolition Site Assessment

- Full structure — exterior all four sides
- Full structure — all interior rooms
- Adjacent structures — condition documented
- Neighboring property — pre-existing damage
- Utility connections — gas, electric, water
- Utility shutoff locations confirmed
- Hazmat survey report on-site
- Asbestos — tested areas documented
- Lead paint — tested areas documented
- Permit & approved demolition plan on-site
- Site fencing & security in place
- Erosion control measures installed

02 PHASE Utility Disconnection & Hazmat

- Gas meter — shut off & capped
- Electric service — disconnected at meter
- Water service — shut off & capped
- Sewer — capped at property line
- Utility company confirmation on-site
- Asbestos abatement — before & after
- Lead paint abatement — scope documented
- Hazmat removal manifest photographed
- Air monitoring equipment in place
- Hazmat contractor credentials on-site
- Containment setup before abatement
- Post-abatement clearance documented

03 PHASE Selective Demolition

- Scope of selective demo — wide shot
- Items to remain — protected & labeled
- Structural elements to remain — documented
- MEP systems to remain — capped & protected
- Salvage items — condition before removal
- Salvage items staged & inventoried
- Party wall or shared structure protected
- Opening created — shoring in place
- Selective demo complete — wide shot



04 PHASE Structural Demolition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition sequence per approved plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoring in place before any structural work | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment on-site — type & size noted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roof removal — wide shot in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> Wall removal — sequence documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation exposure — condition noted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural elements down — wide shot | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent structure — condition during demo | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust suppression in use — water or barriers |

05 PHASE Debris Removal & Hauling

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Debris sorted — concrete, wood, metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycled material separated & documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster or truck load — quantity noted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haul ticket or manifest photographed | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal facility confirmed on ticket | <input type="checkbox"/> Load secured before leaving site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street or adjacent property — clean | <input type="checkbox"/> Debris hauling in progress — wide shot | <input type="checkbox"/> Final load — site nearly clear |

06 PHASE Foundation & Below-Grade Work

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation walls — condition exposed | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation to remain — documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation to remove — sequence noted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underground tank or pit — condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned utilities below grade noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil contamination — visible evidence noted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation depth — tape in frame | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation removal complete — wide shot | <input type="checkbox"/> Below-grade conditions — all areas |

07 PHASE Site Cleanup & Closeout

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permit card & inspection sticker | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspector approval documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Site cleared — all debris removed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade left per approved plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion control remaining in place | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent structures — post-demo condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility caps at grade — confirmed | <input type="checkbox"/> No standing water or drainage issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Final site — wide shot all directions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Client walkthrough documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Before & after — full site comparison | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste manifest & haul tickets organized |

HOW TO USE THIS IN THE FIELD

Turn This Checklist Into Your Daily Workflow

- 01 Photograph Everything Before a Single Tool Touches the Structure**

Pre-demolition photos are the most valuable shots on any demo job. Every crack in an adjacent foundation, every stain on a neighboring wall, and every pre-existing condition on the structure itself must be documented before work begins. These are the images that protect you when a neighbor files a damage claim the day after you finish.
- 02 Document All Utility Disconnections with the Utility Rep Present**

A photo of the gas meter capped, the electrical service pulled, and the water shut off — taken while the utility company representative is still on-site — is your proof that disconnection was completed correctly and authorized before any demolition began.
- 03 Capture Hazmat Conditions Before Abatement and After Clearance**

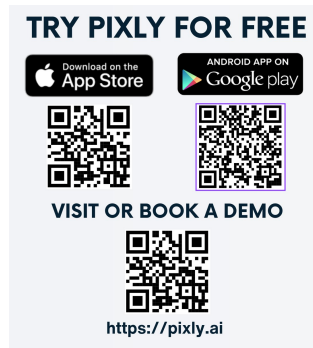
Asbestos and lead paint locations must be photographed before abatement begins and after clearance testing is complete. The before shot establishes what was present and where. The clearance documentation proves it was removed to the required standard before any other trades entered the work area.
- 04 Wide Shot of the Site from the Same Four Positions Every Day**

Daily progress photos taken from the same four corners of the site create a time-stamped record of what was demolished, in what sequence, and on what date. This series is your evidence in every schedule dispute, every neighbor claim, and every question about what condition the site was in at any point during the job.

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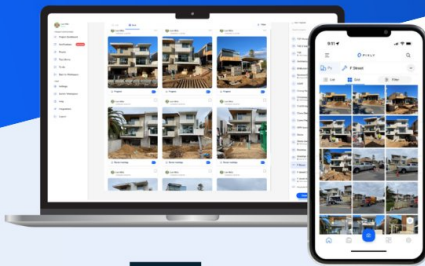
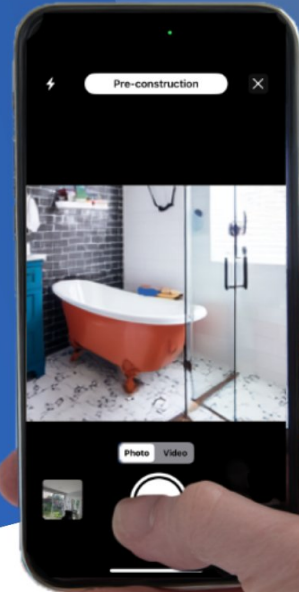
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