

Demolition & Removal

A demolition permit is required to demolish, relocate or remove a building from a property.

The Township of Langley promotes sustainability and it is important to ensure materials are dealt with in a responsible manner such as reusing, recycling and disposing of hazardous materials properly.

Are you planning to remove a house? Have you considered having the home moved to another property or deconstructed to reduce the ecological impact? There are professional structural house movers in BC that can help move or relocate buildings which saves many homes from entering the landfill and creates affordable housing opportunities for hundreds of families every year. These movers will market your home and help place it with another family, saving you the responsibility of finding a new property on which to relocate the existing structure. Home relocation saves more than 21,000 tonnes of demolition materials from entering our local landfills every year.

Deconstructing a home can help to keep materials out of the landfill and there are many options that exist today for reusing and recycling used building materials. Salvaged materials such as reclaimed lumber can be reused for wood plank flooring, wall cladding or to make wood furniture. There are online and retail resources that offer many salvaged building materials from flooring to fixtures. Did you know that during a typical home deconstruction, up to 25% of materials can be reused and up to 70% of materials can be recycled? Metro Vancouver offers a Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction and Recycling Toolkit that provides cost and waste reduction comparisons for demolition alternatives, as well as where different construction and demolition materials can be taken for reuse or recycling.

Visit tol.ca/demolitionandremoval for links to the Metro Vancouver Demolition Waste Reduction and Recycling Toolkit and other helpful resources for disposing of materials.

Applying for a Demolition or Removal Permit:

A complete demolition/removal application must be submitted and the permit issued prior to the removal of any buildings on a property. Please visit tol.ca for a list of required documents including application, forms and guides. Please note, buildings 50 years of age and older will be reviewed for any heritage interest before a demolition or removal permit can be issued.