



***BUILDER'S ADVISORY***

**DEMOLITION OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS**

A demolition permit is required to regulate the demolition and removal of an in-ground swimming pool and/or spa to ensure that the site is not adversely affected by the remnants of the pool or spa.

The concern is that an abandoned pool/spa will act as a bowl that does not drain properly and unregulated backfilling may create an area of supersaturated soil, which could pose a hazard to the public's safety. The other concern is that there may be a future building on the site and the uncompacted fill would not be adequate to sustain the load of a new patio cover, balcony, or room addition, leading to differential settlement and other structural issues.

**PERMIT PROCESS**

A Demolition Permit may be issued to the property owner or a licensed contractor. Two copies of a site plan indicating the location of the pool, equipment and distances to all property lines are required. At final inspection a copy of the wet stamped and signed compaction report will be required.

**INSPECTION PROCESS**

The Permittee must remove, at a minimum, the following prior to inspection:

- A 2' x 2' section of the pool bottom at the deep end and at any other location that may not drain to a hole provided.
- The grade beam and sidewalls to a point two feet below finished grade.
- Gas and electrical utilities serving the pool shall be properly removed and terminated at their service location, all pool equipment shall be removed, and utilities capped below grade.
- Inspections by the Building Division will be done once prior to any backfilling and again after all backfilling is complete, where the Permittee will provide a compaction report wet stamped and signed by the engineer of record.

**Prior to draining the pool, contact the Utilities Department at (951) 736-2234 for additional information and pool water disposal requirements.**

If you have any other questions regarding these requirements, you may contact the Building Division at (951) 736-2250.