
Frequently Asked Questions

How much does Permit-by-Rule cost?

Technically there is no charge for the permit, but there are two caveats:

1. You do not have to pay for the permit, but you will have to pay the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue 60¢/ cubic yard you bury.
2. The Permit-by-Rule is a one-time use permit per parcel. You will not be able to get another permit for the parcel.

Can I bury a building that has been burned?

Generally you can only bury a burned building if it is part of a fire department training. The debris from a fire department trained burn is considered demolition debris and can be buried at a Permit-by-Rule site or a demolition landfill.

A building that has been burned either accidentally or intentionally and not a fire department training is considered municipal solid waste.

This type of waste needs to be disposed of at a lined landfill.



Permit-by-Rule



*A disposal option for
old or destroyed buildings*



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Permit-by-Rule may be obtained, in some instances, by property owners from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to bury old buildings or buildings that have been destroyed by natural causes. Permit applications can be completed with the assistance of the Otter Tail County Solid Waste Department. When the permit applications are completed and approved, the application will be forwarded to the MPCA for final approval.

Permit-by-Rule demolition is intended for projects which:

- **Have a low potential for adverse effects on human health and the environment.**
- **Involves less than 15,000 cubic yards of demolition material.**
- **Operate less than a total of 12 consecutive months.**
- **Are not located near another demolition debris permit-by-rule facility.**

If the structure(s) to be demolished is located within lakeshore, the Otter Tail County Land and Resource Office must also give approval.

The contractor must be certified by the MPCA to bury demolition. The responsibility of the contractor is to estimate the amount of material, in yards, buried. A form will be completed and sent to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, who in turn will send the approved applicant an invoice of state solid waste tax owed to the State of Minnesota.

**Acceptable
Demolition Materials**

- Concrete
- Masonry/Bricks
- Bituminous Concrete
- Untreated Wood
- Roofing/Shingles
- Glass
- Plastic Building Parts
- Insulation
- Asphalt
- Conduit
- Tree Stumps

**Unacceptable
Demolition Materials**

- Asbestos
- Glue
- Tar
- Caulking
- Resins
- Household Garbage
- Hazardous Materials
- Treated Lumber
- Mattresses or Furniture
- Cardboard
- New Construction
Waste Materials