

How it Works

Demolition Process



Planning

1. Pick the building

We look at the condition of the building and declare it a public nuisance (a danger to people and neighbors).

We send official notices to the owner and give time to respond.

2. Test for safety

We check for asbestos (a harmful material) and other hazards, and we hire licensed professionals to safely remove what they find.

3. Get approvals

We complete a historic building review if needed. We also review for any environmental concerns.

4. Shut off utilities

We make sure gas, water, and electricity are safely shut off before any work starts.

5. Notify neighbors

We tell nearby residents when demolition will happen and how we'll protect them from dust or debris.



Demolishing

6. Control dust

We spray water to keep dust down and protect the air. Neighbors should keep windows shut and stay inside to protect themselves during demolition.



Restoring

8. Clean and restore the land

We fill in the hole and smooth the ground. We add fresh topsoil. We plant grass and white clover to help the soil stay healthy.



9. Check the site

We inspect to make sure the land is clean, safe, and free of dead trees or extra debris.

10. Let the Land Bank know

The Land Bank becomes the owner of vacant lots and works with residents to decide what happens next.

Something not right?

Let Engage Toledo know.
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Use your phone's camera to scan for more information.

Problems

An abandoned property is a property that the owner walks away from and forces the community to take care of. Abandoned properties are a challenge but there are tools to make the problem better. The Land Bank and the City of Toledo each play a different role in addressing these issues.



ABANDONED BUILDING



ABANDONED LOT

The City of Toledo holds property owners accountable.



Cut the Grass



Clean up the Blight



Demolish a
Nuisance Building

The Land Bank helps residents take ownership.



Move-In-Ready
Home Ownership



New Construction



Building Renovation



Adopt-a-Lot Program



Farm-a-Lot Program



Side Lot Program