

Demolition of Private Property Eligibility Guidance

Demolition of Private Structures

Demolition of private structures can be eligible as an emergency protective measure when partial or complete collapse is imminent, and the collapse poses an immediate threat to the general public.

Conditions for Eligibility

- Structures are certified unsafe and pose a threat to lives or public health and safety
- Provide documentation confirming legal authority and responsibility to enter private property and demolish privately-owned unsafe structures, e.g., right of entry form
 - Citation of the law, ordinance, code, or emergency powers for which it is exercising its legal authority to demolish privately-owned unsafe structures
 - Confirmation that a legally authorized official of the Applicant has ordered the exercise of public emergency powers or appropriate authority to enter onto private property and perform the demolition
 - The Federal Government is indemnified from any claims arising from the private property demolition and removal from the debris
- Provide necessary permits and documentation to comply with FEMA EHP requirements

The Applicant is required to work with the property owner to recover any insurance proceeds to avoid duplication of benefits.

Demolition of commercially owned structures is typically not eligible FEMA PA funding.