

8 Ways to Vet an Oregon Demolition Contractor

Looking for a trustworthy Oregon demolition company, but not sure where to start? Demolition companies vary widely in quality, so it's critical to do your homework prior to hiring. For quality building Oregon demolition we recommend following a few vetting procedures.

✓ 1. Research Experience.

- How long has the contractor been providing demolition services?
- What [tricky demolition projects](#) have they handled?
- Are they mentioned positively in news stories?

Experience goes hand-in-hand with demolition quality.

✓ 2. Verify Insurance and License.

Demolition work is by its very nature dangerous. It also requires costly equipment and hazardous materials. For all of these reasons, it is crucial to check each contractor's license and insurance. Doing so protects you from potential lawsuits down the line.

✓ 3. Ask for and Follow Up with References:

Ask your business contacts for demolition references. Then, once you have a short list of potential demolition partners, ask each for references. Call each reference provided by the Oregon demolition company to verify quality of service.

✓ 4. Professional Engagement.

- Inquire after any specialized certifications that the contractor has earned.
- Ask whether they are members of any professional associations, such as the National Association of Demolition Contractors.

Certifications and membership indicate dedication to excellence in demolition.

✓ 5. Environmental Leadership.

- Ask each Oregon demolition firm to explain how they handle hazardous building materials, such as asbestos.
- Research potential demolition partners' history with the EPA, as well as the Oregon DEQ.
- Finally, inquire after [specialized equipment for demolition asset recovery](#). Firms that offer asset recovery can offset your demo costs by salvaging and selling building materials and fixtures.

✓ 6. Financial Performance and Surety.

Ask if each potential contractor has ever filed for bankruptcy. You may also wish to request additional financial information, such as net equity, total and current assets, and current year revenues. Financial data will give you insight into each contractor's success and reliability.

✓ 7. Demolition Specialization.

Check that the demolition companies you're considering specialize in the demolition services you need. Some Oregon demolition contractors specialize in commercial and industrial settings, while others focus on residential building demolition.

✓ 8. Safety and Permitting Record.

- Check with [Oregon's environmental agencies that oversee demolition](#) to ensure no outstanding safety or permitting issues.
- Also ask each contractor to explain their safety record.
- Finally, ask about permitting procedures. A truly professional demolition contractor will have a strong understanding of which permits are required, and how to get them.

As you can see, there are plenty of considerations when researching demolition contractors. After looking into all of these aspects of demolition work, one or two of the firms on your short list will soon float to the top. Hire them with confidence, knowing that you've done the research to ensure a trustworthy demolition partner.

