

Streamwood Demolition Project Q&A

Q: What is the goal of this project?

A: We are performing an interior demolition of the commercial building next to our Streamwood campus to prepare the space for future growth. This involves clearing out non-structural elements such as drywall, flooring, and ceiling tiles.

Q: When is this happening?

A: We have four tentative blocks scheduled. You can join us for one day or for the full duration, 8am-4:30pm:

- **Block 1:** Friday, May 15
- **Block 2:** Saturday, May 16
- **Block 3:** Monday, May 18
- **Block 4:** Tuesday, May 19

Dress Code and Personal Requirements

Q: What should I wear to the site?

A: You should wear clothes that you do not mind getting ruined or thrown away. To ensure maximum safety and minimize skin exposure to dust and debris, please adhere to the following:

- **Coverage:** Long pants and long sleeves are highly recommended.
- **Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes are required. Work boots or steel-toed boots are preferred to provide the best protection against heavy debris or sharp objects like nails.

Q: Will there be food and water?

A: Yes. To keep our crew energized and hydrated, we will provide refreshments and food throughout the day.

We will also provide all the demolition equipment and tools needed for the job (sledgehammers, crowbars, etc.), so you do not need to bring anything from home.

Tools and Equipment

Q: Do I need to bring my own gear?

A: We will provide all the necessary demolition equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including:

- **Work gloves**
- **Safety glasses**
- **N95 masks.**

You do not need to bring anything to participate.

Q: Can I bring my own tools if I prefer?

A: Yes! If you have tools you are comfortable using and would like to bring them, you are welcome to do so. Please ensure any personal tools are clearly labeled with your name. Helpful items include:

- **Power Tools:** Sawzalls (reciprocating saws), oscillating tools, and heavy-duty extension cords.
- **Hand Tools:** Crowbars, hammers, and pliers.
- **Cleanup Gear:** Brooms, heavy-duty shovels, and wheelbarrows.

Safety Guidelines

Q: What are the general safety tips for this project?

A: Demolition is a "heads-up" activity. To keep everyone safe, please remember:

- **Lifting:** Always lift with your legs, not your back, especially when moving heavy commercial debris.
- **Awareness:** Always be aware of who is working around you before swinging a tool or pulling down a wall section.
- **Dust Control:** Keep your mask on in work areas. Commercial interiors often contain insulation and dust that can irritate the lungs.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Demo is a workout! Drink water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty.

Q: What specific hazards should I look out for in this building?

A: Working inside a commercial structure requires extra attention to a few areas:

- **Ceiling Grids:** When removing drop ceilings, the metal "T-bar" frames can be sharp and unstable. Always wear your eye protection when looking up.

- **Utilities:** Do not disturb any wiring, conduit, or piping. Our site leads will ensure all utilities are disconnected and safe before work begins.
- **Debris Management:** Interior demo creates trip hazards quickly. We will focus on "cleaning as we go" to keep the walkways clear.

How to Join

Q: Do I need prior experience?

A: Not at all. Whether you have experience with a sledgehammer or simply want to help haul debris to the dumpster, there is a role for you. We will provide a safety briefing and specific instructions at the start of each shift.