

Urgent: Do not enter any damaged buildings

Please do not enter any damaged buildings. This is very dangerous. The City is blocking sidewalks to keep people away from damaged buildings and working with property owners to secure their properties and get emergency demolitions started as fast as possible.

Guidance on your damaged property

Property owners and residents are asking for guidance about their damaged properties.

- Safety first: do not enter a damaged and potentially unsafe building.
- Report downed power lines or gas leaks to the utility company.
- Ensure that the electricity is off if there is standing water or you suspect the electrical system has been compromised.
- Alert the property owner and insurance company of what has occurred.
- Secure the building from trespassing or weather-related damage.
- General cleanup can be done without a permit.
- Owners may hire a contractor to help safeguard a hazardous situation if they choose.
- Do not alter the condition of the property except for emergency repairs to prevent further damage.
- Property owners seeking to begin emergency demolitions need to contact the appropriate utility providers to make sure natural gas, electrical and water have been shut off.