# MACHINE MASTERS

DEMOLITION PREPARATION CHECKLIST | Los Angeles-area reference

Project address: _____ Target start: _____

About Machine Masters: We provide non-licensed heavy-equipment operators as labor only, not licensed contracting services. The hiring contractor, property owner, or authorized lessee directs the scope of work and is responsible for permits, project decisions, demolition outcomes, and associated costs, subject to applicable law. Operators are not responsible for project expenses.

This is a preparation checklist, not a contract or agreement. Machine Masters works with appropriately licensed contractors and, where legally permitted, owner-builders. We can help customers understand and navigate permit steps; licensed contractors and inspections may still be required depending on the work.

## 01 Send Property Details to Machine Masters

- ☐ Send the complete property address and current photos of the structure.
- ☐ Include photos of street/driveway access, neighboring buildings, overhead wires, slopes, gates, and potential dumpster/equipment locations.
- ☐ Identify known utility lines, restricted access, basements, and any planned excavation or caisson work.

## 02 Confirm Permit Path and Required Approvals

- ☐ Determine whether the project will proceed under a licensed contractor or a legally available owner-builder permit.
- ☐ Obtain the demolition permit and required local approvals; confirm inspections and any utility-release requirements.
- ☐ Check for required asbestos/lead surveys, abatement, air-quality notifications, and other hazardous-material clearances before demolition.

## 03 Arrange Gas and Electrical Disconnection

- ☐ Call the applicable gas provider to arrange disconnection/capping appropriate for demolition. SoCalGas: 877-238-0092.
- ☐ Call the electric provider to arrange service/meter removal and verify de-energization. LADWP: 800-342-5397; Southern California Edison: 800-284-2365.
- ☐ Obtain confirmation that services are safely disconnected; never assume turning off a breaker or valve is sufficient.

## 04 Keep Water Available and Prepare a Spigot

- ☐ Keep the water service connected throughout demolition, unless Machine Masters instructs you to arrange full disconnection.
- ☐ Provide an operational water spigot near the water meter, on the property side where permitted, for dust suppression and cleanup.
- ☐ Protect the meter, spigot, hose, and supply line from equipment traffic; arrange qualified work for any plumbing modifications.

## 05 Call 811 and Locate Underground Utilities

- ☐ Call 811 before excavation and allow the required marking/notification period. Public utility marking is generally free.
- ☐ Arrange a private utility locator where needed: 811 marks may not cover privately owned lines, including lines beyond the meter.
- ☐ Identify, isolate, cap, or protect vulnerable gas/water/electric lines through qualified personnel; maintain required clearance and use safe digging practices.

## 06 Line Up Hauling and Disposal

- ☐ Request pricing and availability for 40-yard lowboy dumpsters as the usual starting point, subject to access, material type, and weight limits.
- ☐ Arrange additional dumpsters or dump trucks if needed for the site and debris volume.
- ☐ Confirm accepted debris, soil restrictions, weight allowances, haul frequency, recycling rules, and all disposal charges.

## 07 Check Access, Protection, and Street Permits

- ☐ Confirm equipment entry, ground bearing conditions, overhead clearances, property boundaries, adjacent structures, and any needed fencing/shoring.
- ☐ Obtain any right-of-way or street-occupancy permits for dumpsters, equipment, traffic control, or sidewalk protection.
- ☐ Confirm dust-control, stormwater, pedestrian protection, and applicable site-safety arrangements.

## 08 Coordinate Caisson Drilling and Dirt Export

- ☐ If caissons or excavation are planned, coordinate with the drilling contractor and Machine Masters before demolition begins.
- ☐ Where safe and approved, clear one side of the structure first so drilling can begin while demolition continues in a separated work area.
- ☐ Coordinate machine loading of drill spoils into approved containers or trucks; soil may exceed dumpster weight limits and require separate disposal.

## 09 Confirm Delivery and Operator Start Date

- ☐ Confirm the operator’s availability with Machine Masters before committing to deliveries.
- ☐ Schedule machine and dumpster delivery for the same day when practical, after permits, utility clearances, and site readiness are confirmed.
- ☐ Choose safe staging locations; move an empty dumpster with machinery only with hauler authorization and suitable rated equipment.

## 10 Confirm Expense and Labor Payment Arrangements

☐ The hiring contractor, property owner, or authorized lessee pays all project costs: dumpsters, hauling/disposal, gasoline/diesel, extra machines, chains, attachments, materials, permits, and other needed supplies. Machine Masters operators do not advance or pay project expenses.

☐ Choose labor payment timing: payment at the end of each workday or prepayment in 40-hour weekly blocks.

☐ Confirm who will arrange fuel, supplies, equipment, and debris pickup before work begins.

FINAL READY-TO-START CHECK: Permit/clearances complete • Gas/electric safe • Water available • 811/private lines addressed • Hauling arranged • Operator and delivery confirmed