READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Selective demolition final inspection checklist

Selective demolition final inspection is where the punch list is either short or expensive. This checklist walks the finished work the way an owner or AHJ will see it: devices on, systems running, everything labeled. Each item gets the photo that closes it instead of reopening it. Work is commonly verified against the applicable building code, the project specifications. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the demo foreman and, where structure was touched, the following trade's foreman.
When: After demolition is complete in the area and debris is cleared, before the follow-on trade is released to start new work.

Extent of removal

- [ ] Demolition complete to the limit line shown
  Everything within the demo limits removed, nothing left standing inside the line, and the line itself matches the drawings.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Surfaces prepped for the new work
  Substrates cleaned back to sound material, fasteners and adhesive residue removed, surface flat and ready for the following trade.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Abandoned utilities cut back and capped at the limit
  Pipe, conduit and duct abandoned by the demo are cut back and capped by the owning trades at the limit line, with no open pipe ends or loose conductors; observed, not handled.
  1 photo required

Structure to remain

- [ ] Elements to remain undamaged
  Beams, columns, slabs and walls that stay checked for gouging, cracking or over-cutting from the removal.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Openings and edges left clean and true
  Cut edges at new openings straight and square where the drawings call for it, no ragged over-break beyond the opening.
  No photo required
- [ ] Engineer's observation of structural removals on file
  Where a beam, slab or bearing wall was cut or removed, the engineer of record's field observation or letter is on file before the follow-on trade builds against it.
  No photo required
- [ ] Demolition shoring left up until released in writing
  Temporary shoring and bracing from the demolition plan stay installed until the engineer's written release allows removal; none is pulled early to clear room for the next trade.
  No photo required

Cleanup and protection

- [ ] Debris removed from the area and egress paths
  Room, corridors and stairs clear of demo debris, nothing staged in the path the next crew or occupants use.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Open penetrations and shafts protected
  New openings, floor holes and shafts covered or barricaded so no one steps through and no debris drops.
  1 photo required
- [ ] HEPA cleanup finished before dust barriers come down
  Floors, ledges, tops of remaining equipment and ceiling grid in the area HEPA-vacuumed before dust partitions and return-air seals are taken down.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Holes left in walls and floors to remain logged for closure
  Openings left where pipe, duct, conduit or fixtures came out of walls, floors and ceilings to remain are logged by location, including rated assemblies, for the trade that closes them.
  1 photo required

Findings and handoff

- [ ] Suspect material uncovered during removal reported, not disturbed
  Anything uncovered that is not on the survey and could be hazardous (pipe wrap, mastic, old flooring) left in place, isolated and reported for the owner's hazardous-materials consultant to sample.
  No photo required

- [ ] Salvage list reconciled with the owner's representative
  Each tagged salvage or owner-retained item is in storage or turned over, checked off on the salvage list, with anything missing or damaged noted.
  No photo required

- [ ] Area released to the follow-on trade in writing
  The release note names the area, the open items and what the follow-on foreman was shown on the walk, so the next crew starts from a recorded condition.
  No photo required