



# EPA REMOVAL ACTION AT RETURN TO NATURE FUNERAL HOME



## Scheduled Demolition of the Return to Nature Funeral Home, Penrose, Colorado

EPA will conduct a removal action at the Return to Nature Funeral Home in Penrose, Colorado, pursuant to a request from the State of Colorado and Fremont County. The demolition will be conducted under the direction of EPA's Emergency Response personnel and its trained hazardous materials contractors.

EPA, CDPHE and Fremont County uniformly agree that there is no health risk to the public based on the safety measures in place for demolition, transport, and disposal. All health and safety measures put in place for this removal action adhere to rigorous and stringent protocols to safeguard both workers and the community to ensure complete protection of public health and environment.

Demolition will begin on April 16, 2024 and is anticipated to take 10 days, weather depending. During the removal process, a disinfectant will be applied inside the building prior to and during demolition. Excavators will first start to break up the building from the top down and remove large pieces of the structure, while working to keep it within the foundation footprint. During this process, EPA will use water and other liquid solutions for dust suppression, but not in quantities that would cause runoff of contamination from the interior of the building to the ground surface outside.

Ground crews will manage building materials to ensure the loading process into the dump trucks is efficient and protective. These materials will be prepared and loaded into trucks in accordance with applicable regulations and landfill requirements. Once the building and concrete foundation slab have been removed, EPA will conduct a shallow surface scrape of soils on the footprint of the building. The soils will be transported to the landfill through the same process as the building materials.

All updates will also be posted on our website: [response.epa.gov/PenroseFuneralHome](https://response.epa.gov/PenroseFuneralHome).

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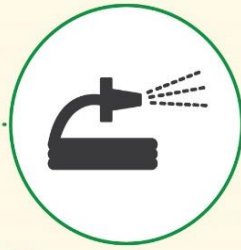
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## 1 SITE PREPARATION

To prepare the site for demolition, EPA will continue to work with Fremont County, CDPHE, and the local utility companies to ensure safety control measures are established at the site.



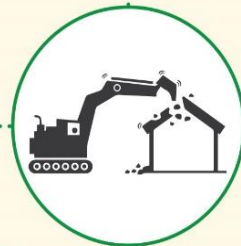
## 2 WETTING

EPA's contractors will spray a disinfectant and odor suppressant into the interior of the building.



## 4 LOADING TRUCKS

The demolition materials will be prepared and loaded into trucks in accordance with the applicable regulations and landfill requirements.



## 3 DEMOLITION

Excavators will start to break up the building from the top down and remove large pieces of the structure, while trying to keep it within the foundation footprint.



## 5 SCRAPE SOIL

Once the building and concrete foundation slab have been removed, EPA will conduct a shallow surface scrape of soils on the footprint of the building.



## 6 TRANSPORT DEBRIS

Loaded trucks will transport demolition materials and soils to an approved disposal facility.