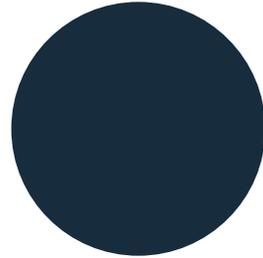


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Even the most orderly demolition is going to involve swinging hammers, heavy equipment, and unexpected messes. Cut down on the potential for disaster by following this step-by-step guide.

Tools You'll Need

- Dust mask or HEPA respirator *(for hazardous materials)*
- Sledgehammer
- Crowbar
- Pry bar
- Claw hammer
- Thick boots and coveralls
- Plastic and tape or dust barrier
- Dumpster or trash hauling service *(depending on project size)*
- Appliance dolly *(if moving appliances)*



1. Prepare the Room

Smart preparation can save a real headache later on.

- Turn off power and water supplies.
- Remove anything you'd like to keep in one piece, including fixtures, trim, knobs, and faucets.
- Cover your flooring if you're not replacing it.

Cost

Sealing the room with a system like a Zipwall Dust Barrier can cost between \$100-\$500 depending on the size of the project. Plastic sheeting tarp can be found between \$50-\$175, but is more labor intensive. HEPA respirators range from \$25-\$45.





2. Work Smart

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- If you want to only remove the countertop but keep the floor cabinets intact, be sure to remove screws and lift the countertop in pieces if possible rather than prying, which can damage the cabinets underneath.
- If you're pulling out drawers and you'll need to reassemble them later, label the backs of the drawer panels.
- If you're pulling out an entire section of upper cabinets, follow a few specific steps: You'll need to remove the cove molding with a pry bar. Next, unscrew the cabinets from the soffit, remove the cabinets, and unscrew and remove doors, hinges, and extra molding.

Cost

Expect to destroy your demolition tools in the process. A pry bar can run between \$10 and \$60, a crowbar between \$20 and \$150. In general, expect heavy-duty materials to fare best on tough demolition jobs.



3. Clean as You Go

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- Take items out to your rented dumpster, put it all in one place for a trash hauling service, or collect it for your own trip to the local dump.