House Teardown Planning Checklist (GTA)

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Before Demolition

1. **Hire a licensed contractor early**
   Bring them in to map permits, utilities, and testing before you schedule anything.
2. **Order the designated substances survey**
   Any pre-1980s home needs asbestos and hazard testing first.
3. **Apply for the demolition permit**
   Coordinate it with the building permit for the rebuild to save time.
4. **Confirm utility disconnections**
   Gas, hydro, water, and sewer are capped by the providers, not the crew.

Demolition and Site

1. **Remediate hazards first**
   Licensed abatement removes asbestos before demolition begins.
2. **Protect neighbours**
   Fencing, dust control, and shared-fence protection go up before the machine.
3. **Demolish top-down**
   Structure comes down, then the foundation and slab are removed.
4. **Grade and document**
   Sort and haul debris, level the lot, and keep permit and disposal records.

Planning a demolition in the GTA? Get a free estimate at almardemolition.ca.

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