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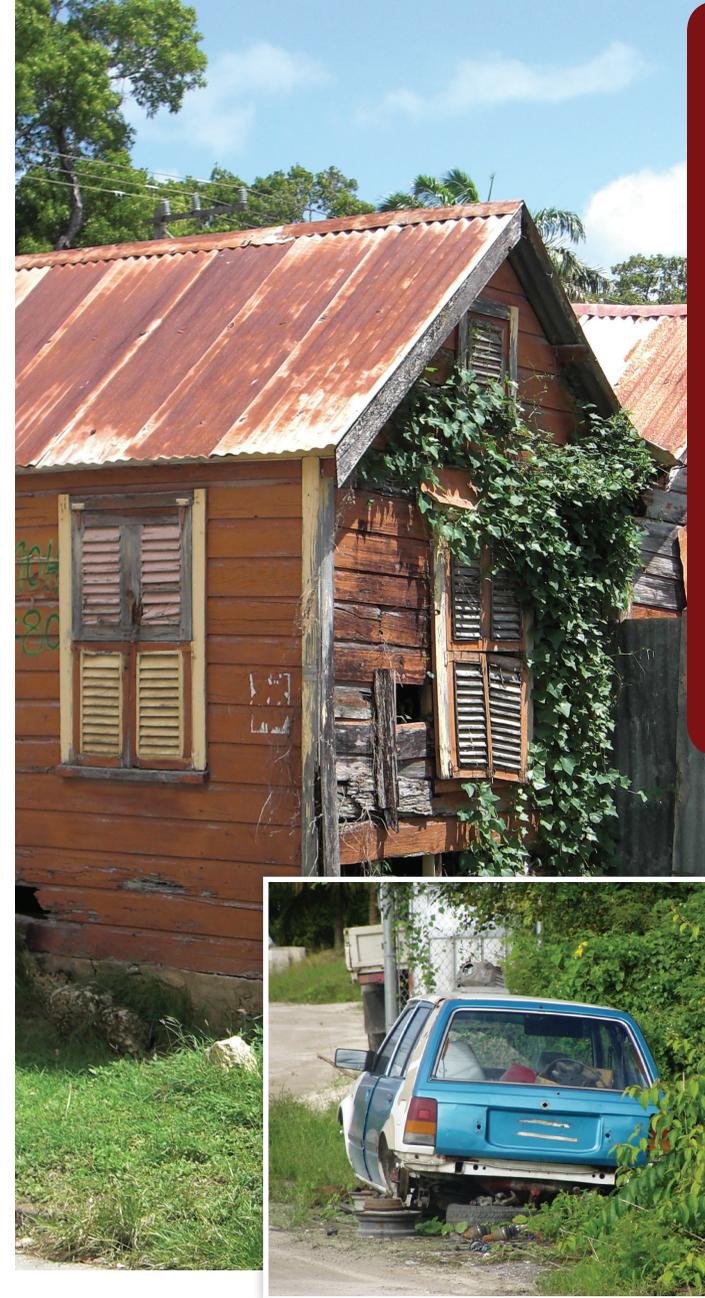
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# Derelict Buildings and Vehicles

## WHAT IS A DERELICT BUILDING?

A **derelict building** is an abandoned, dilapidated structure that is structurally unsound. It may provide a home for disease causing vermin which may adversely impact on environmental quality, human health, public safety and cause discomfort to the general public.

## WHAT IS A DERELICT VEHICLE?

A **derelict vehicle** is an abandoned automobile, truck or other vehicular part which may provide harbourage for rodents and other vermin.

## WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT FROM DERELICT BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES?

- They can affect the visual amenity of the area.
- The presence of pests could lead to the spread of diseases such as dengue.
- There may also be substances left behind such as oil and pesticides which can lead to contamination of the soil.

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT?

The role of the EPD is to reduce the presence of the potential breeding sites for vectors and vermin, remove potential fire, safety and security hazards from communities, enhance the aesthetics of the urban and rural districts and ensure safe disposal of waste and chemicals.

## HOW ARE DERELICT BUILDINGS HANDLED?

Derelict buildings are identified by officers of the Environmental Protection Department or reported by Environmental Health Officers and the general public. Buildings are investigated by the Department to determine if they are derelict; and if they are, notices are served to the landowners for their demolition.

Derelict building notices are served under the **Health Services Act CAP. 44 (1969) Section 11**, which gives Government the authority to demolish derelict buildings.

A notice gives the owner twenty one (21) days from the date of the notice to demolish the derelict building. After twenty one (21) days, a list of derelict buildings is published in the newspaper, giving the owner an additional fourteen (14) days to adhere to the notice.

The Government may proceed with the demolition of the derelict building if the owner does not comply with the notice. Section 11 of the Health Services Act CAP. 44 states that a **reasonable cost is recovered from the owner, as debt due to the crown.**

## HOW ARE DERELICT VEHICLES HANDLED?

Derelict vehicles, like derelict buildings, are identified by officers of the Environmental Protection Department or reported by Environmental Health Officers and the general

public. Vehicles are investigated by the Department to determine if they are derelict; and if they are, a notice is served to the owner for its disposal.

Derelict vehicle notices are served under the Health Services (Collection and Disposal of Refuse) Regulations, 1975, Section 15A, which gives Government the authority to dispose of derelict vehicles.

A notice gives the owner seven (7) days from the date of the notice to remove the derelict vehicle(s).

The Government may proceed to have the derelict vehicle(s) removed and disposed if the owner does not comply with the notice. Reasonable expenses incurred may be recovered from the owner.

## HOW ARE DERELICT VEHICLES AND BUILDING DISPOSED?

Derelict vehicles are disposed at a government approved site and demolished derelict buildings are disposed at the Mangrove Pond Landfill.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP A NOTICE?

An owner of a derelict building maybe granted a stay of execution by the Environmental Protection Department for additional time to carry out repairs or renovations. A written request for an extension of the statutory time period of the notice served must be made to the Department by the owner (or the owner's agent) of the derelict building.

