

PROJECT TIMELINE GUIDE

What to Expect for Common Excavation Projects

Every project is different, but these general timelines give you an idea of what to expect. Actual duration depends on site conditions, weather, and project complexity.

POOL EXCAVATION

Typical Duration: 1–2 days

Standard residential pool digs are usually completed in a single day. Larger pools, difficult access, or rocky soil may extend the timeline. Expect significant dirt removal.

DRIVEWAY REMOVAL

Typical Duration: 1 day

Most residential concrete or asphalt driveways can be demolished and hauled away in a single day. Reinforced concrete or difficult access may require additional time.

LAND GRADING / LOT PREP

Typical Duration: 1–3 days

Grading a residential lot for drainage or construction typically takes 1–2 days. Larger properties or significant grade changes may take longer.

SITE CLEARING / LAND CLEARING

Typical Duration: 1–5 days

Timeline varies based on lot size, vegetation density, and debris removal. Includes removal of trees, brush, stumps, and debris.

UTILITY TRENCHING

Typical Duration: 1–2 days

Trenching for water, sewer, electrical, or drainage lines is typically quick. Duration depends on trench length, depth, and soil conditions.

BACKYARD PROJECTS

Typical Duration: 1–2 days

Small-scale excavation for patios, outdoor kitchens, fire pits, or landscape features is usually quick work including hauling away excess material.

STRUCTURE DEMOLITION

Typical Duration: 1–3 days

Timelines depend on structure size. A small shed may take hours, while larger structures require more time. Includes demolition, material sorting, hauling, and cleanup.

FACTORS THAT CAN AFFECT YOUR TIMELINE

- Weather delays (rain can halt work and affect soil conditions)
- Soil type (rock, clay, or high water tables slow progress)
- Site access (tight spaces require smaller equipment)
- Permit requirements (approval times vary by municipality)
- Unexpected conditions (buried debris, utilities, or structures)

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