



## Queen Lane Implosion – Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is happening with the Queen Lane high-rise?

The Philadelphia Housing Authority is taking down the high-rise to make way for a new development featuring 55 low-rise units. Experienced contractors will implode the building.

### 2. When is the Queen Lane implosion going to take place?

PHA plans to implode the Queen Lane high-rise on **Saturday, September 13, 2014** at 7:15 a.m.

### 3. How long will the implosion last?

The actual implosion is very short. Clean-up crews will need a few hours to clear away dust and open the streets again.

### 4. How do I prepare for the implosion?

Please determine if you live in the dust zone or the evacuation zone by looking at the map of the affected areas. This will determine your next steps.

### 5. What is the evacuation zone?

PHA has designated an evacuation zone of homes and businesses that surround the Queen Lane high-rise. Anyone who lives or works in the evacuation zone **must** leave by 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, the day of the implosion, for their own safety.

### 6. What should I do if I live in the evacuation zone?

Residents in the evacuation zone should make arrangements to stay with family or friends who live outside of the evacuation zone. If you cannot stay with family or friends on Saturday, September 13, you can go to the comfort center that PHA is setting up. See the comfort center fact sheet for more details.

### 7. What is the dust zone?

The dust zone is farther from the implosion site than the evacuation zone. Homes and businesses in the dust zone may be affected by dust from the implosion. Residents who live in the dust zone must stay inside their homes during the implosion and cleanup.

### 8. What should I do to prevent the effects of dust?

Please make sure that all of your doors and windows are closed tightly. Turn off all air-intakes and exhaust fans before the implosion. Place a piece of tape or a rolled up towel in any broken windows or doors to block air gaps. Bring all pets inside before the implosion.

### 9. Will the dust affect my garden or plants?

No, the dust from the implosion will not harm your vegetation.



**10. Will the dust affect my water?**

All of Queen Lane’s finished drinking water is stored in covered reservoirs. The open reservoir is for raw river water which is then treated and filtered as it is passed through the plant. Treatment and filtering will remove all possible “dust” from the implosion.

**11. What about pets and other animals on the day of the implosion?**

If you are in the evacuation zone, please take your pets with you. If you are in the dust zone, please bring your pets inside.

**12. What streets will be closed and when will they be closed?**

All of the streets in the dust and evacuation zones will be closed starting at 5 a.m. Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the area. Please see the map for specific streets.

**13. What should I do with my car?**

Moving your cars will help speed up the clean-up efforts. All cars in the dust and evacuation zones must be moved by their owners or they will be towed. If you live in the dust zone, you may leave your car in your driveway or garage.

**14. How will I know it’s safe to return to my home?**

The Philadelphia Police Department and the Department of Health’s Air Management Services will determine when the area is all clear. Call the Queen Lane Implosion Hotline at (215) 684-3001. A message will be added to let you know when it’s safe to return.

**15. Who will deal with pests?**

PHA will exterminate the Queen Lane high-rise building prior to the implosion. In the event you have a rodent problem after the implosion, please call the Department of Public Health’s Rat Complaint Line at (215) 685-9000 or call 311.

**16. What if my home is damaged by the implosion?**

Please call PHA’s Queen Lane Implosion Hotline at 215-684-3001, leave a message, and someone from PHA’s staff will connect you to the correct contractor who can handle your claim.

**17. How will I get more information?**

Please attend meetings and call PHA’s Queen Lane Implosion Hotline at (215) 684-3001. PHA employees are serving as outreach workers for the implosion. They are conducting surveys door-to-door in the evacuation area. Please see the flyer for dates and times of the outreach efforts.

***Please be sure to attend the upcoming meetings to ask specific questions!***