

Jim Hall is a builder. First listen to his description of how a site is cleared for a new building. You can also read his description below.

Today we're beginning work on a site for a new supermarket. There's a very old building on the site and a lot of trees and _____. We have to remove all of this before we can begin to build.

We need to _____ the old building first. This is a skilled job and we're working with a
5 demolition contractor to do it safely. Next, we need to grub out the bushes and trees. We use a variety of tools for both these jobs. For demolition work and clearing away rubble and debris from a site we use machines such as _____ and excavators. We also use hand tools like spades and _____. We use all of these for grubbing out, but we also use saws and chainsaws to cut down the trees and bushes.

10 After that, we dig out the _____ – that's the first 30 cm or so of earth – because it's not stable enough to build upon. Also, we need to create a level site for the new building.

Then all of the rubble from the old building and the debris from the trees and bushes are loaded onto _____ or lorries and driven away from the site.