



BEFORE PROJECT START

Permits & approvals Philadelphia

Every city regulates a drone cleaning job a little differently. Here is what each market requires before work begins — SpiderJet coordinates and files it as part of project planning.

1 Property-owner authorization ☐

Pennsylvania law bars cities from regulating drone flights, so there is no city drone permit. We launch from the client's property with written permission.

2 FAA airspace authorization ☐

Most of the city is under PHL Class B airspace and Northeast Philadelphia Airport has Class D. Stadium flight restrictions apply on game days.

3 Streets Department street occupancy permit ☐

For equipment, sidewalk or lane closures through the Right-of-Way Unit. A police detail is required if a travel lane is closed.

4 Philadelphia Historical Commission ☐

Masonry cleaning on designated buildings and in historic districts is reviewed, usually with an approved test sample.

5 Water Department approval ☐

City code prohibits pollutants in storm inlets; sewer discharges need approval from PWD's Industrial Waste Unit.

6 Cleaning-product compliance ☐

Registered mold and algae treatments follow Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture applicator rules.

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