

More Information

Asbestos-related resources are available on the Southwest Clean Air Agency website at www.swcleanair.org under the asbestos link:

- Notifications to SWCAA
- Look up a licensed asbestos abatement contractor
- Qualified AHERA building inspectors
- Asbestos hazard identification consulting firms
- Asbestos analytical laboratories
- How to safely take a sample of asbestos containing material
- Guidance for demolition or renovation
- Where to properly dispose of asbestos
- SWCAA 476 - Standards for Asbestos Control, Demolition and Renovation
- EPA information, 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M, NESHAPS
- Asbestos Demolition Flow Chart
- Asbestos Structure Renovation Flow Chart

This list of links represents some basic information on asbestos containing materials, SWCAA required forms, asbestos contractors, labs and other helpful information. Please check with other local, state and federal agencies to see that all permit obligations have been met.



Mobile homes and manufactured homes are subject to proper asbestos notification and removal procedures as outlined in this brochure.

SWCAA Programs & Services

SWCAA offers information and assistance to individuals, homeowners and businesses in the following areas:

Public Information & Education

Complaint Response & Enforcement

Outdoor Burning

Wood Stoves

Asbestos

Business Assistance

Air Operating Permits

New Source Permitting



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Read this before beginning your remodeling or demolition project!



Information on the renovation or demolition of existing structures.

A guide for
asbestos
projects

Regardless of the size of the renovation or demolition project, inspections for Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) must be performed and notifications must be submitted to the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) and other local agencies prior to removal of ACM or demolition of any structure.

Contractors and home owners must comply with the asbestos regulations, SWCAA 476, before the renovation or demolition phase of any project. The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) enforces the asbestos rules in Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties. Please check with other local, state and federal agencies to see that all other permit obligations have been met.

Asbestos is a regulated material that is still used today in more than 3,000 products and can be found in even the newest of structures. Common residential uses include electrical appliances and construction materials such as types of caulking, putties, firewalls/doors, sprayed insulation, wall board, cement board, adhesives, flooring tiles, grout, shingles, roofing and driveway coatings.

This brochure outlines the basic requirements and provides helpful information to get your project started on the right track. It is by no means meant to be all-inclusive or cover every circumstance. Please feel free to contact SWCAA at 360-574-3058 or 1-800-633-0709 or visit our web page at www.swcleanair.org for specific questions and requirements. Check with your county and city offices for other possible requirements.

Before starting the renovation or demolition (SWCAA 476-040)

Prior to any demolition or renovation of **any structure** (including barns, mobile homes, detached garages, etc.) a thorough asbestos inspection must be conducted by an AHERA certified building inspector to determine the presence of asbestos containing material (ACM). Any materials presumed to be ACM are not required to be evaluated, but must then be handled and disposed of as ACM if they are disturbed during a remodel or structure demolition.

If asbestos is present

All ACM must be completely removed from affected areas by certified personnel in full accordance with SWCAA 476 and with 40CFR Part 61 Subpart M National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants prior to structure demolition (including fire training) or structure renovation.

A Notice of Intent to Remove or Encapsulate Asbestos and a copy of the AHERA asbestos inspection report for each structure must be submitted to SWCAA. There is a fee and a federally-required 10 business day waiting period from the date notices are submitted before asbestos removal can begin.

Possible Exemptions

1. An asbestos notification is not required for contractors with asbestos projects involving less than 10 linear feet or 48 square feet per structure per year of any asbestos containing material unless the facility is to be demolished by intentional burning.
2. An asbestos notification is not required for the removal of non-friable roofing material.
3. Homeowners doing their own work **may** be exempt from certain requirements. Call SWCAA at 360-574-3058 for more information.

Airborne asbestos fibers can cause serious long-term health problems.



If asbestos is *not* present

Demolitions - A *Notification of Demolition* and a copy of the asbestos inspection report must be submitted to SWCAA regardless of the amount of asbestos found. There is a fee and a federally-required 10 business day waiting period from the date the notification is submitted before the demolition can start. If the building is being demolished by fire training, the local fire department must submit a fire training request or notification to SWCAA.

Renovations - SWCAA does not require notification for renovations. If ACM is to be removed during renovation, a *Notice of Intent to Remove or Encapsulate Asbestos* must be submitted to SWCAA. Please check with other local agencies for any other requirements or permits.

Emergency Variances

SWCAA may waive the required 10 working day advance notification if it is demonstrated in writing that an asbestos project, maintenance, renovation or demolition activity must be conducted immediately because of any of the following: a sudden unexpected event that resulted in a public health or safety hazard; the project must proceed immediately to protect equipment, ensure continuous vital utilities or minimize property damage; or the project must proceed to avoid imposing an unreasonable burden. The application fee is doubled if emergency variance is approved.