

**Asbestos Building  
Demolition  
Notification**

State of Maine  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Lead & Asbestos Hazard Prevention Program  
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**Notice**

Prior to demolition, building owners must determine if there is any asbestos-containing material(s) (ACM) in the building. An "asbestos inspection" by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant is required for all buildings regardless of construction date, except single-family homes and residential buildings with 2-4 units built after 1980. In lieu of an asbestos inspection, pre-1981 residential buildings with 2-4 units can be surveyed to identify possible ACM by someone knowledgeable about ACM, such as a code enforcement officer or building inspector.

If your project involves the demolition of a single family residence or a residential building with less than 5 units, please answer the following questions to determine whether you need to have your inspection performed by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant:

- Does this demolition/renovation project involve more than ONE residential building at the same site with the same owner?  Yes  No
- Is this building currently being used, or has it **EVER** been used, as a commercial, government, daycare, office, church, charitable or other non-profit place of business?  Yes  No
- Is this building to be demolished as part of a highway or road-widening project?  Yes  No
- Is this building part of a building cooperative, apartment or condo building?  Yes  No
- Is this building used for military housing?  Yes  No
- Have other residences or non-residential buildings at this site been scheduled to be demolished now, or in the future, as part of a larger project?  Yes  No
- Is more than ONE building to be lifted from its foundation and relocated?  Yes  No
- Will this building be intentionally burned for the purpose of demolition or fire department training?  Yes  No

If you answer "no" to all the questions above, your building can be inspected by a knowledgeable non-licensed person as applicable.

Any "yes" answers to the above questions requires an inspection by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant.

**Important Notice**

Before you can demolish any building, including single-family residences, all asbestos materials must be removed from the building. The removal of those materials must be done by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor, except single-family homeowners may remove some asbestos under certain circumstances (Contact MDEP for more information).

With the exception of a single family home, building owners are required to submit the Asbestos Building Demolition Notification to the MDEP at least five (5) working days prior to the demolition **EVEN IF NO ASBESTOS** is present.

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### Inspection/Survey Results:

Were asbestos-containing building materials identified or presumed positive?  Yes  No

If Yes, is the removal of ACM subject to MDEP asbestos regulations?  Yes  No

If No, explain WHY NOT: \_\_\_\_\_

property address: _____ _____	building description: <input type="checkbox"/> pre-1981 residential with 2-4 units <input type="checkbox"/> post-1980 residential with 2-4 units <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
asbestos survey/inspection performed by: (name & address) _____ _____ telephone: _____	asbestos abatement contractor _____ _____ telephone: _____
property owner: (name & address) _____ _____ telephone: _____	demolition contractor: (name & address) _____ _____ telephone: _____
demolition start date: _____	demolition end date: _____

Whenever more than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of ACM is identified, the ACM must be abated in accordance with the Maine Asbestos Management Regulations by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor. This includes materials presumed to be ACM. Check [www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/index.htm) for a listing of asbestos contractors.

Prior to issuing a local demolition permit, the MDEP requests that **municipalities** have applicants for municipal demolition permits complete this form and fax it to the MDEP at 207-287-6220. Municipalities should not issue local demolition permits if the required asbestos inspection or survey has not been performed and identified ACM removed.

*This demolition notification does not take the place of the Asbestos Project Notification if applicable*

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: Owner/Agent Title Signature

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 Telephone # FAX # Date



## Instructions for Completing the Asbestos Inspection Form

Contact: (207) 287-2651

State and Federal laws require that buildings be inspected for asbestos-containing materials before renovation or demolition activities begin. To determine whether you need to have an inspection performed by a Maine-licensed Asbestos Inspector, or whether you can have an evaluation performed by a knowledgeable non-licensed individual familiar with asbestos containing building materials, (e.g. building inspectors and CEO's who have asbestos-awareness training) depends on the age of the building, current/past use, and number of units. If you are renovating a building you need only inspect the area(s) that will be impacted by the renovation. If you are demolishing the building, the entire structure must be inspected.

For projects in single family residences and residential buildings with less than 5 units, please read and answer the questions on the Asbestos Inspection Form provided on the reverse side. You are not required to submit the form to our department, however, you should sign and keep a copy for your records. If you answer Yes to any question, you need to have your building inspected by a Maine-licensed Asbestos Inspector.

Except as noted above, the following applies:

- Buildings other than residential buildings with less than 5 units (ie institutional, commercial, public, industrial) must be inspected by a Maine-licensed Asbestos Inspector.
- Residential buildings with 2-5 units that were built before 1981 can be surveyed for likely asbestos-containing materials by knowledgeable non-licensed people (e.g. building inspectors and CEO's who have asbestos-awareness training); any materials likely to contain asbestos must be tested by a DEP-licensed inspector or assumed to be ACM.
- Single-family residences and residential buildings built after 1980 are not required to be surveyed for asbestos-containing materials prior to demolition (residential buildings built after 1980 are not likely to contain ACM).

**In lieu of any required inspection you may assume suspect material to be positive for asbestos and have it removed accordingly. You may never assume material to be non-asbestos.**

If your renovation project will impact more than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of asbestos containing materials, the ACM must be removed by a Maine-licensed asbestos abatement contractor prior to renovation, except single-family homeowners may remove some asbestos under certain circumstances (Contact DEP for more information). Before you can demolish any building, including single-family residences, all asbestos materials must be removed from the building; again the removal of ACM must be done by a Maine-licensed asbestos abatement contractor. Once the asbestos is removed, the renovation or demolition project may be performed by any preferred contractor.

With the exception of a single family home, building owners are required to submit the **Asbestos Building Demolition Notification** to the DEP at least five (5) working days prior to the demolition **EVEN IF NO ASBESTOS** is present.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the forms do not hesitate to call the Maine DEP Asbestos Program at (207) 287-2651. You may also go to [www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/index.htm) to access forms and other information on asbestos.

## **Demolition/Renovation Asbestos Inspection Requirements**

### **Commonly Asked Questions for Commercial/Public Buildings And Buildings Housing 5 or more Dwelling Units or Leased/Rental Units**

Question: My reno/demo project is in a library building. Do I need to hire an inspector to perform an inspection for asbestos before I can begin the work?

Response: Yes. Public and Industrial use buildings are considered commercial. This means a Maine certified/licensed Asbestos Inspector must perform an inspection for asbestos-containing material (ACM) prior to commencement of work. If asbestos is identified removal by a Maine licensed Asbestos Contractor is required. In addition the project must be notified according to Maine asbestos regulations. This applies to all commercial buildings regardless of age unless documents exist that show no asbestos is present, such as a previous inspection report or letter from an architect verifying that no asbestos materials were used in the building construction.

**Note:** In lieu of any required inspection you may assume suspect material to be positive for asbestos and have it removed accordingly. You may never assume material to be non-asbestos.

Question: I am renovating a single family dwelling that was at one time used for commercial purposes. Do I need to have the building inspected?

Response: Yes. If the single family dwelling is currently or has ever been used as a commercial, government, daycare, office, church, charitable or other non-profit place of business it must be inspected as above.

Single family residences that were never used for commercial purposes, and residential dwellings constructed after 1980 that consist of two (2) to four (4) units, are exempt from the inspection requirement of Maine's Asbestos Regulations; however home owners should conduct a walk through of the building to identify any suspect asbestos-containing building materials. Homeowners are responsible for any disturbance of ACM in amounts greater than 3 square or 3 linear feet. If suspect material is found the homeowner should contact the Maine DEP, a licensed asbestos consultant or contractor for help.

Question: I am renovating an apartment building that has less than 5 units. Do I need to hire a state licensed inspection company?

Response: If the building was constructed before 1981 and consists of 2 to 4 dwelling units or leased/rental units you may do one of the following:

- Have an inspection for ACM performed by a Maine licensed Asbestos Inspector, or
- Have the inspection performed by a person familiar with ACM (such as a code enforcement officer or building inspector), or
- You may assume any suspect material to be asbestos and have those materials removed in accordance with state rules.

Question: What are suspect ACM materials?

Response: Suspect asbestos-containing building materials include thermal system insulation, ceiling tile, exterior cementitious siding, rigid panels, attic and wall insulation, vinyl floor tile and resilient floor covering (linoleum). Specific building materials that do not require inspection, sampling, and analysis for asbestos include: wood, fiberglass, glass, plastic, metal, laminates, and gypsum board when joint compound was used only as a filler and not as a layered component, and exterior caulking and glazings.

Question: Are there any other materials regulated in Maine that must be removed from a building prior to demolition?

Response: Any identified hazardous waste and other universal wastes should be part of any pre-demolition site assessment and cleanup phase. For instance it is illegal to dispose of PCB's and mercury-containing products in Maine. Fluorescent light fixtures made before 1980 contain a ballast that has PCB's in it. The most common mercury-containing products found in buildings are thermostats and fluorescent light bulbs. Check the Maine DEP website at

[www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/hazardouswaste/pdf/uwrecyclingcompanies.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/hazardouswaste/pdf/uwrecyclingcompanies.pdf) for locations and businesses that will recycle these "universal wastes."

**If you have any questions on asbestos, or state and federal asbestos regulations, please call the DEP's Lead & Asbestos Hazard Prevention Program at (207) 287-2651.**

**An up-to-date list of DEP-licensed asbestos contractors and consultants is available from the department by calling (207) 287-2651 or on the internet at [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov).**