



Instructions for Completing the Asbestos Inspection Form

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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 to access forms and other information on asbestos.