



Pinellas County

Asbestos Notification

Commercial/Institutional Buildings - Owners and Contractors

(Florida Building Code, 104.1.10 Asbestos Notification Statement)

A thorough asbestos inspection, performed by a licensed asbestos consultant is required before demolition* or renovation of commercial and institutional structures and buildings. If asbestos is identified in the asbestos survey, and is expected to be disturbed in any way, a State licensed asbestos contractor in accordance with all Federal, State and County regulations must remove it. Additionally, written notification must be mailed (postmarked) or delivered to the Pinellas County Air Quality Division ten working days before demolitions and asbestos removal projects begin.**

By signing the "Application and Permit for Construction", you certify that you have complied, or will comply with all Federal State and County laws and regulations pertaining to asbestos removal. By your signature you are also certifying that you understand the requirements stated in the above paragraph, and further understand that there may be additional requirements within these rules, which also apply to you. You further understand that any violations of these requirements can result in monetary penalties to the building owners, building lessees, and their respective contractors. Additional penalties for failing to comply with asbestos rules may include criminal prosecution under federal law and contractor license forfeiture/suspension under State law.

* The definition of demolition includes removal of a load bearing structure.

** One (1) single-family residential home, or an apartment building with four (4) dwellings or less, is typically exempt from specific environmental asbestos requirements. This exemption is voided if the aforementioned structure is part of a larger project. Please contact Pinellas County, Air Quality Division to verify if your project or structure meets this exemption.

**The statements included on this page are considered part of the:
"Pinellas County, Building Department, Application and Permit for Construction".**

For additional information about asbestos:

www.pinellascounty.org/environment/airquality/default.htm

Pinellas County, Air Quality Division
509 East Ave. South Ste. 138
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: 464-4422





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Residential Home Owner - Asbestos Contractor Exemption

(Florida Building Code, 104.4.4 Asbestos Removal Disclosure Statement)

You, as the owner and occupier of a single-family residence, not for sale or lease, may undertake the moving, removal or disposal of asbestos-containing materials on your own residential building. To qualify for the licensing exemption, subject to the limitations provide below, an owner must personally appear and sign the building permit application.

State law requires asbestos removal to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own asbestos removal contractor even though you do not have a license. You must supervise the construction yourself. You may move, remove or dispose of asbestos-containing materials on a residential building where you occupy the building and the building is not for sale or lease, or the building is a farm outbuilding on your property. If you sell or lease such building within 1 year after the asbestos abatement is complete, the law will presume that you intended to sell or lease the property at the time the work was done, which is a violation of this exemption. You may not hire an unlicensed person as your contractor. Your work must be done according to all local, state and federal laws and regulations, which apply to asbestos abatement projects. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances.

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