

“Asbestos Requirements”

WARNING - ASBESTOS!

Attention All Building Owners/Contractors

Because of serious health risks associated with asbestos exposure, the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA), and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) have established regulations, which apply to building renovation, and demolition activities.

Renovation: *(disturbing building material)*

- A written asbestos survey must be performed prior to renovation activities.
- The asbestos survey must be performed by a FL licensed asbestos consultant.
- The asbestos survey report must be available, on-site during any renovation activity.
- All Regulated Asbestos-Containing Materials (RACM) must be removed prior to any renovation activity.

Demolition: *(structural, load bearing component removal)*

- A written asbestos survey must be performed prior to demolition activities.
- The asbestos survey must be performed by a FL licensed asbestos consultant.
- A Pinellas County Notification for Demolition form must be delivered to Pinellas County Air Quality Division at least ten (10) working days prior to the start of demolition activities.
- A copy of the written asbestos survey report must accompany the written notification for demolition.
- All Regulated Asbestos-Containing Materials (RACM) must be removed prior to submitting a notification for demolition.

Exemptions:

Under certain conditions, a single-family residential home, or an apartment building with four (4) or fewer dwellings units, may be exempt from specific asbestos requirements. You should contact Pinellas County, Air Quality Division to verify if your project or structure meets these exemptions.

What is the purpose of having asbestos regulations?

To protect the public health by minimizing the release of asbestos fibers to the air during demolition at renovation at facilities where asbestos-containing materials are present.

What is the difference between demolishing a facility and renovating it?

According to the Asbestos NESHAP in 40 CFR Part 61, you "demolish" a facility when you remove or wreck any load-supporting structural member of that facility or perform any related operations; you also "demolish" a facility when you burn it. You "renovate" a facility when you alter any part of that facility in any other manner.

Which asbestos regulations apply to me?

Florida Building Code, 105.9 Asbestos

Requires building permits to have an asbestos notification statement, which indicates to owners and their contractors the responsibility to comply with Federal, State and local asbestos regulations.

Pinellas County Code, Chapter 58, sec. 58-149(d)

Requires a written asbestos survey be performed before demolition of a building, before any building renovations, and before maintenance is performed on insulated equipment or building systems. A copy of the survey report must be available on-site during any renovation activity and must be included with the written notification for demolition operations.

Florida Statute, 469.003

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) requires that a licensed asbestos contractor do all removal and handling associated with asbestos-containing materials. A Florida licensed contractor can perform removal of asbestos roofing and resilient flooring (workers must be properly trained and certified). Only asbestos consultants, who are licensed in the State of Florida, can conduct asbestos surveys in Florida. Employers must comply with OSHA asbestos regulations.

The Construction Industry Asbestos Standard, 29 CFR 1926.1101

The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to provide information about the hazards of working with asbestos, provide proper respiratory protection, personnel monitoring, medical monitoring, engineering controls, proper training and proper record keeping for all employees that handle materials that may contain asbestos.

Asbestos Checklist:

The following items are required prior to or during demolition and renovation activities: Use this checklist as a guide to ensure that all the requirements have been met in accordance with Pinellas County Code Chapter 58 as it pertains to asbestos.

- ❑ A written asbestos survey was performed prior to renovation or demolition activities.
- ❑ A FL licensed asbestos consultant conducted the asbestos survey.
- ❑ Written asbestos survey is accessible and on-site during all renovation activities.
- ❑ For demolition projects, a complete Notification for Demolition has been mailed or delivered to the Pinellas County Air Quality Division, at least ten (10) working days prior to scheduled demolition start date. For projects located outside of Pinellas County, notifications must be sent to the Environmental Agency for that area.
- ❑ The written asbestos survey has been included with any notification for demolition
- ❑ All Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material (**RACM**) has been removed (abated) from the structure prior to any demolition activity, or prior to any renovation activity where this material may be disturbed. A FL licensed asbestos contractor performed RACM abatement.
- ❑ All records of asbestos related activities: asbestos survey reports, asbestos removal specifications, contractual agreements, asbestos regulations, and disposal manifests are on file.
- ❑ All employees who can potentially come in contact with asbestos-containing materials have been given instructions on the hazards, regulations, and the associated products, that contain asbestos. Under no circumstances should untrained, uncertified, or non-licensed individuals handle asbestos-containing materials.

For More Information:

Phone: **727-464-4422** - Pinellas County Air Quality
www.pinellascounty.org/environment/airquality/

Other Asbestos Contacts

LICENSING

Florida Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) (Investigative Services) Tampa: 813-554-2229.

Florida DBPR – asbestos licensing unit: 850-921-4202.

Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, Largo: 727-536-4720

Florida DBPR (Unlicensed activities): 1-850-488-6603.

Florida DBPR (Contractor information and approved asbestos training providers & courses): 850-487-1395. Website: www.MyFloridaLicense.com

DBPR website: <http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/>

NESHAP REGULATIONS

Pinellas County Air Quality Division (Clearwater): 727-464-4422

Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Asbestos Coordinator (Tallahassee): 904-921-9521.

FDEP Small Business Assistance Program: 800-722-7457.

FDEP, Southwest District (Tampa): 813-744-6100.

U.S. EPA, Region IV, Atlanta, Georgia, Asbestos NESHAP Contact (404) 562-9197, Website: www.epa.gov/region4/air/asbestos/.

Hillsborough County EPC (Tampa): 813-272-5955.

WORKER PROTECTION

U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Tampa: 813-626-1177.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

www.epa.gov/asbestos/ and www.epa.gov/region4/air/asbestos/

United States Consumer Products Safety Commission: 1-800-638-2772.

TRAINING OPTIONS*

TREEO Center, University of Florida Gainesville: 904-392-9570

Retra Training Services, Inc., Tampa: 727-938-5459

Mayhew Environmental Training Associates (META): 800-444-6382.

*Provided as information only

