

What is asbestos?

Asbestos occurs naturally in the environment around the world, including Central and Northern California. The term "asbestos" refers to several varieties of mineral fibers that are mined and processed for commercial uses around the world.

Because asbestos fibers are microscopic, light weight, and are extremely resistant to heat and chemicals, asbestos became a valued building material throughout the 1900s. It has been used extensively in insulation products and for providing fire resistance to buildings. After the late 1970s, asbestos became widely recognized as a serious health hazard.

The term Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material (RAM) refers to materials containing more than one percent asbestos and asbestos that is either friable (can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure), or non-friable (airborne) through the use of tools, work practices, or the forces expected to act on the materials in the course of demolition or renovation operations.



About the MDAQMD

Stretched out over more than 20,000 square miles of California's vast desert expanse, the MDAQMD is the second largest by landmass of the state's 35 air districts. As the air pollution control agency for San Bernardino County's High Desert and Riverside County's Palo Verde Valley, the MDAQMD has primary responsibility for controlling emissions from stationary sources of air pollution, which can include equipment located at cement facilities, power plants or the corner gas station. There are nearly 1,500 active permitted facilities within MDAQMD's boundaries.

The District implements air quality programs required by State and Federal mandates and enforces rules and regulations based on air pollution law. The MDAQMD is committed to protecting the air breathed by more than 550,000 residents living within its boundaries while supporting strong and sustainable economic growth. This is accomplished through a comprehensive and common-sense approach that includes regulatory planning, compliance assistance and enforcement, monitoring, emissions reductions incentive programs, and public education.

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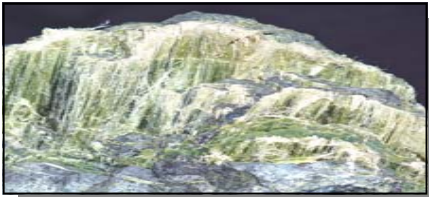


ASBESTOS REMOVAL

**Air quality requirements
for renovation
& demolition projects**



Asbestos Information



- ◆ **Demolition:** Is the wrecking or taking out of a load-supporting structural member of a facility, or the intentional burning of a structure. Demolitions require a prior asbestos Survey and asbestos removal. All structural demolitions with or without asbestos require Notification. Dismantling of partitions and installation of windows and doors through load-supporting walls without asbestos are exempt from Notification.
- ◆ **Renovation:** Is the removal, stripping, or altering of asbestos-containing materials, and/or any activity involving the associated disturbance of asbestos in a facility. Renovations require an asbestos Survey, a Notification of Demolition/Renovation, and removal of any asbestos found before remodeling or renovations are performed. Remodeling or renovations without asbestos do not require Notification.



Asbestos Abatement Requirements:

STEP 1: Demolition/Renovation Checklist/ Questionnaire

The checklist is designed to determine if an application for a Demolition/ Renovation Permit requires the completion of a Notification of Demolition/Renovation form and payment of applicable fees, or if the project meets any exemption including the exemption for residential buildings. **RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS THAT ARE FOUR (4) OR FEWER UNITS DO NOT REQUIRE NOTIFICATIONS; HOWEVER, THEY DO REQUIRE A COMPLETED CHECKLIST/ QUESTIONNAIRE.**

STEP 2: Notification of Demolition/Renovation

When required, must be completed and submitted at least ten (10) working days prior to starting any demolition or asbestos removal that is equal to or more than 260 linear feet and/or 160 square feet, unless the building meets the exemption for residential buildings. Renovations without asbestos do not require Notification.

Emergency Notifications

These are for immediate asbestos removals due to unsafe conditions, equipment damage, unreasonable financial burden and for Ordered Demolitions. For emergency removals, attach a letter from the person authorizing the emergency to the Notification. For Ordered Demolitions, submit the name, title, and authority of the State or local government representative who has ordered the demolition.

Permitting

Asbestos abatement equipment operated in the MDAQMD must be permitted prior to operation in an abatement project. Please complete the Air Pollution Control Equipment Application Form for each piece of Abatement Equipment to be permitted, and submit to the MDAQMD with payment.

Applications for asbestos remediation equipment will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by the filing fee and annual permit fee.



Fees

The Renovation Fee is determined based on the square feet of non-pipe material to be removed and/or the total linear feet of pipe to be removed. The Demolition Fee is an annually established fee. For this year's Fees see MDAQMD Rule 302, Section (E).

There are no additional fees for Emergency Notifications or Revisions to prior Notifications.

The Permitting Fee includes an Application Fee and Annual Permit Fee. The Application Fee and the Annual Fee are established annually. For this year's Fees see MDAQMD Rule 301, Sections (C) and (E) (7) (h).

All above forms and form instructions can be found at <http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov/index.aspx?page=344>

Please submit all asbestos questionnaires, notifications, and related questions to asbestos@mdaqmd.ca.gov