



ASBESTOS
APPLICABILITY GUIDE

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) Asbestos Program enforces compliance with the Asbestos National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulation to protect public health. The Asbestos NESHAP specifies work practices for demolitions and renovations of regulated structures, installations, and buildings. This form will help determine the requirements for the project.

Part I. Do I need to have an asbestos survey or is my project exempt?

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| 1. Is the building or structure a single family home, a residential building or development with four or fewer units, or a residential outbuilding? | YES | NO |
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If **YES**, the project is exempt from NESHAP Asbestos requirements, and you are not required to perform an asbestos survey or submit any forms. Although not required, an asbestos survey and professional abatement are still recommended. Owners are still subject to asbestos disposal requirements, please contact your local landfill for details. You may skip Part II of this form.

If **NO**, the building is a regulated structure, and you must have an asbestos survey performed by a certified asbestos consultant licensed by CAL/OSHA. The survey results will determine if abatement and notification is required. These steps must occur BEFORE you begin any renovation or demolition work. Following completion of the survey, continue to Part II below.

ONLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE ASBESTOS SURVEY.

Part II. What additional requirements do I need to meet to comply with the Asbestos NESHAP regulations?

Please use the following definitions in answering the questions below.

Demolition: Removal of ANY load-supporting structural member, or intentional burning of, any facility

Renovation: Altering a facility in any way, including removal of regulated asbestos containing material (RACM)

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| 2. Is your project a complete building demolition or a partial demolition that includes removal of structural load bearing components? | YES | NO |
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| 3. Is there renovation work that involves the removal or disturbance of at least 260 linear feet, 160 square feet, and/or 35 cubic feet of material containing more than 1% asbestos? | YES | NO |
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If **YES** to either Part II questions, you are **required** to complete the following prior to starting any renovation or demolition work:

- 1) Hire a Cal/OSHA certified asbestos removal contractor to abate asbestos
- 2) Submit a GBUAPCD Asbestos Notification Form, including any applicable fees, at least 10 days prior to the start of asbestos removal.

If **NO** to both questions in Part II, you encouraged to but are not required to hire a certified asbestos abatement contractor. You are not required to submit any notification forms. If you choose to submit a courtesy notification, there is no waiting period or fees.

Part III. What should I do beyond the Asbestos NESHAP requirements?

4. What should happen if my project is exempt from the Asbestos NESHAP notification requirement, but asbestos may still be present?

Disposal Requirements

- Everyone is subject to proper asbestos disposal requirements.
- Improperly disposing of material that may contain asbestos may expose you and your community to harmful air pollutants that may impact public health.
- Please contact your county and/or local landfill for details on proper disposal.

Contractors and Owners

- Licensed contractors are required by California Law to determine if materials disturbed by demolition or renovation contain asbestos even for unregulated structures or regulated structures exempt from notification requirements.
- If asbestos is to be disturbed by a demolition or renovation project, a licensed contractor is required to properly and safely abate the asbestos and may still be required to hire a Cal/OSHA certified asbestos removal contractor.
- Failure by a licensed contractor to follow California asbestos law can result in fines, civil penalties, loss of licensure and jail time. Owner/Builders, while not subject to California contractor laws, could be subject to claims of negligence if they do not adhere to the same standards as contractors for determining the presence of asbestos and properly abating asbestos.

Best Practices

- An asbestos survey is recommended for all projects to determine if asbestos is present.
- If asbestos is present, professional abatement is recommended.

5. Do I need to test for lead or other hazardous materials?

- While lead and lead based paint is not regulated by GBUAPCD or the Asbestos NESHAP, other State and Federal laws regulate the testing and removal of lead in the built environment.
- Contact your local Building Department for information on requirements for lead testing and removal or regarding other hazardous materials. Additionally, many consultants and contractors who provide services for asbestos testing and/or removal provide similar services for lead and other hazardous materials.