



## **ATTENTION**

### **Building Owners and Contractors**

Because of serious health risks associated with asbestos exposure, the Pinellas County Air Quality Division, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), 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 materials – interior, exterior, roofing*

- A written asbestos survey must be performed prior to interior and exterior renovation activities.
- A licensed asbestos consultant must perform the asbestos survey.
- A completed "Pinellas County Notification Form for Renovation Project" must be delivered to Pinellas County Air Quality Division **ten (10) working days prior** to the start of renovation activities; along with a copy of the written renovation asbestos survey (applicable fees apply).
- The asbestos survey report must be available on-site during any renovation activity (see Pinellas County Code).
- Prior to commencement of any renovation activity, all Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) that would be disturbed during the course of the renovation must be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor.

#### **Demolition\***: *removing load bearing structures - full demolition and selective demolition*

- A written asbestos survey for the purposes of the demolition must be performed in accordance with Pinellas County Code prior to demolition activities.
- A licensed asbestos consultant must perform the asbestos survey.
- A completed "Pinellas County Notification Form for Demolition Project" must be delivered to Pinellas County Air Quality Division **ten (10) working days prior** to the start of demolition activities; along with a copy of the written demolition asbestos survey (applicable fees apply).
- **All** Regulated Asbestos-Containing Materials (RACM) must be removed, by a licensed asbestos contractor, prior to commencement of any demolition activity.
- Demolition in Pinellas County may only be performed by a State of Florida/Pinellas County certified/licensed general contractor or a contractor with a specialty license for demolition from the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.

\* **Exemptions:** Under certain conditions, a single-family residential home, or an apartment building with four (4) dwellings or less, may be exempt from specific asbestos requirements such as notification or licensure. *Contact the Pinellas County Air Quality Division at **727-464-4422** to determine if your project or structure meets these exemptions.*

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*\*The Pinellas County Air Quality Division (727-464-4422) regulates ACM, projects and structures. More information, notification forms & fee schedules are on their website <http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/airquality/default.htm>\**

Please see reverse side for commonly asked questions.

### **What is the purpose of asbestos regulations?**

To protect public health by minimizing release of asbestos fibers during demolition and renovation activities.

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

U.S. EPA regulations for asbestos, found in 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, state that you "demolish" a facility when you remove or wreck any "load-supporting structural member" of that facility, or perform any related operations. Demolition includes burning a facility. You "renovate" a facility when you alter any part of that facility in any other manner. This includes, but is not limited to, salvage/component removal, disaster response, and building maintenance.

### **Which asbestos regulations apply to me?**

**Florida Building Code, 104.1.10 Asbestos Notification Statement**, requires building permits to have an asbestos notification statement, which indicates to owners and their contractors the responsibility to comply with the Federal, State and local asbestos regulations.

**Pinellas County Code, Chapter 58, sec. 58-149(d)**, requires a written asbestos survey before demolition of a building, before any building renovations, or before maintenance 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. All Regulated Asbestos-Containing Materials (RACM) must be removed from a facility prior to commencement of demolition activities.

**Florida Code - Regulation Of Professions And Occupations Asbestos Abatement Chapter 469**, requires removal and handling, associated with asbestos-containing materials, be performed by a State of Florida, licensed asbestos contractor. Asbestos surveys must be performed by a State of Florida, licensed asbestos consultant. Asbestos abatement workers must be certified in accordance with Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) requirements. A Florida certified roofing contractor may remove asbestos roofing if all such activities are performed under the direction of an on-site roofing supervisor trained according to requirements specified under 469.12. In addition, all employers who require employees to handle asbestos must comply with the U. S. Department of Labor (OSHA) regulations.

**The Construction Industry Asbestos Standard, 29 CFR 1926.1101, The General Industry Asbestos Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1001, and 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. Demolition of a building with asbestos-containing material (ACM) in place, such as floor tile, falls under the definition of removal of installed ACM. The removal of installed ACM is either Class I or Class II asbestos work, and all applicable requirements of 1926.1101 apply.

### **Who can I contact for more information about asbestos and asbestos containing materials?**

Pinellas County, Air Quality Division  
509 East Ave South, Ste. 138  
Clearwater, FL 33756

**Phone: 464-4422 Fax: 727 -453-3548**

**Website:** <http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/airquality/default.htm>