



# BENTON CLEAN AIR AGENCY

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## Fire Training Information: Requirements for Structure Fires

**OUTSIDE THE URBAN GROWTH AREA** – A special burn permit application must be completed and submitted to Benton Clean Air Agency (BCAA). A “Notification of Demolition and Renovation” form must also be completed and submitted along with the appropriate fee.

A good faith survey must be conducted by an AHERA certified inspector to determine if there is any asbestos present in the structure. If asbestos is found, it must be removed prior to burning. A “Notification of Demolition and Renovation” form must be submitted to the BCAA prior to the removal of any regulated asbestos containing materials.

Once the special burn permit application is submitted, and all asbestos has been removed from the building, an inspection of the structure will be conducted by a BCAA inspector. The lead fire fighter involved with the training should be present for the inspection by BCAA. The inspection will be conducted to confirm proper identification and abatement of asbestos has been completed. It will also identify any prohibited materials that have been left in the structure.

Any prohibited materials must be removed from the structure prior to the training burn. Prohibited materials include but are not limited to: insulated wire that is exposed and easy to remove, any overhead fiberglass insulation, asphalt roofing, carpets, flooring materials, curtains, window treatments, countertops and other easily removed prohibited materials must also be removed.

Upon request and approval from the Control Officer, certain prohibited materials may remain in the structure to be burned. An example of this is a false ceiling or drop ceiling. If a fire fighter specifically requested that the drop ceiling be allowed to remain, the BCAA may allow the material to remain in one room of the structure. Another example of allowable prohibited materials would be if the fire department would like something left in the structure (like a couch) to act as an obstacle. Alternatives to furniture, such as piles of dimensional lumber, may be substituted and are preferred.

Any questions should be directed to John Lyle at (509) 588-7634.