



BENTON CLEAN AIR AGENCY HOMEOWNER ASBESTOS PROJECT INFORMATION GUIDE

If you are the owner and occupant of your home, you are allowed to remove asbestos from your home without the work being done by a certified asbestos abatement contractor. Because of this allowance, Benton Clean Air Agency (BCAA) would like to make you aware of the steps that are required before beginning your asbestos project. We would also like to offer you some information and recommendations on the topic of asbestos.

Before you start a renovation project in your home, look at this list and see if you will be disturbing/removing any of these materials during your project. If you are, there is a good chance that you may be dealing with asbestos.

Some common materials in your home that may contain asbestos:

- Cement Pipes
- Vinyl Floor Tile
- Cement Siding
- Vinyl Sheet Flooring
- Flooring Backing
- Construction Mastics (floor tile, carpet, ceiling tile, etc.)
- Acoustical Plaster
- Decorative Plaster
- Textured Paints/Coatings
- Ceiling Tiles and Lay-in Panels
- Spackling Compounds
- Spray-Applied Insulation
- Blown-in Insulation
- HVAC Duct Insulation Pipe Insulation (corrugated air-cell, block, etc.)
- Heating and Electrical Ducts
- Electric Wiring Insulation
- Roofing Shingles
- Roofing Felt
- Caulking/Putties
- Adhesives
- Wallboard
- Joint Compounds
- Vinyl Wall Coverings

If you are working with any of the above listed materials, you should either have a good faith survey done to positively identify any asbestos materials, or treat them as if they do have asbestos in them. A good faith survey by a certified AHERA inspector is not required for an owner/occupant renovation project where the owner/occupant will be performing the work themselves, but a survey is highly recommended. If a contractor will be performing the work, you must first obtain a survey by an AHERA accredited inspector.

The next step once you have identified that you will be working with asbestos containing materials or possible asbestos containing materials, is to notify the Benton Clean Air Agency. BCAA has asbestos removal guides for

certain types of asbestos projects. These informational packets address both work practices and personal protection and are available both in our office and on our website.

Once you have established that you will be working with asbestos/potential asbestos containing materials, you will need to fill out a Notification of Intent form (NOI) on our website at www.bentoncleanair.org

BCAA requires that a Notification of Intent form be filled out for every asbestos removal project. The fee for an owner/occupant residential asbestos project is \$25.00. The NOI form must be submitted on our website, and the fee must be paid before you may begin your project. This is to allow BCAA to review your NOI form and contact you if there are any discrepancies or concerns. BCAA staff can help answer any questions you may have about filling out this form.

When you submit your completed NOI form on the website and pay your \$25.00 fee, you will be emailed a link to view a copy of your NOI form. BCAA will review your NOI and approve it, or contact you concerning any issues found on the form. Once BCAA has approved your completed NOI, your NOI form will be updated to say "approved" when you click the link in the email.

When you go to dispose of the asbestos waste at a landfill certified to accept such waste, you may need to show the landfill a copy of your approved NOI form. You should also make a copy of the NOI for your own records, and keep it for 24 months before throwing it away in case of any questions that may arise.

For any questions or for more information, please visit our website at www.bentoncleanairagency.org or feel free to call and speak with a friendly staff member by dialing (509) 783-1304 ext. 4.