



# Asbestos Abatement Program

*To protect human health and safety, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administers Florida’s asbestos abatement program that minimize the release of asbestos fibers during the abatement, remediation, handling and disposal of asbestos-containing materials.*

## About the Program

The primary focus of the asbestos abatement program is on work practice standards to minimize emissions from asbestos-containing materials during demolition and renovation of commercial, public, residential buildings. The program also requires the proper transportation and disposal of regulated asbestos-containing materials. If not part of a larger project, residential buildings with four or fewer dwelling units and single-family homes are excluded from program requirements. Additional guidance on residential exemptions can be found [here](#) or by [contacting local asbestos abatement compliance staff](#) prior to starting renovation or demolition activities.

## Program Requirements

Before starting renovation or demolition activities, the Asbestos Abatement Program requires building owners or project contractors do the following:

- 1. Conduct** a thorough inspection by a licensed asbestos consultant to determine the presence, types and estimated amounts of asbestos-containing materials before starting renovation or demolition work. The asbestos consultant must be licensed by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR).
- 2. Notify** DEP at least 10 working days before any renovation or demolition begins by submitting a Notice of Asbestos Renovation or Demolition. The notification includes, among other things, the type and amount of asbestos involved in the project, the disposal method and the name of contractors performing work on the project. This form must be submitted for demolitions even if there are no asbestos-containing materials found during the inspection.

- 3. Remove** regulated asbestos-containing materials above a threshold amount using a Florida licensed asbestos contractor.
- 4. Dispose** of asbestos-containing materials at a landfill permitted to accept such materials.

## More Information

Additional information regarding compliance with Florida’s asbestos regulations can be found on the [Asbestos Regulation FAQs](#).

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