



ASBESTOS INFO

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

THE RISK

Asbestos may be found in insulation, flooring, ceiling sections, shingles, or siding. Health studies have linked asbestos fibers to serious health problems. The mere presence of asbestos in a building is not an immediate risk to people and the environment; however, danger exists when asbestos material is damaged or improperly removed and releases fibers into the air.



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Construction, remodeling, and demolition projects require municipal officials and the construction industry to ensure neither citizens nor the environment are harmed. To help you meet state and federal environmental laws, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E), Division of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Office of Air Quality (OAQ) can provide information about how to remove and dispose of asbestos.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Several steps should be taken before beginning a renovation or demolition project.

| STEPS | SURVEY REQUIREMENT & INTENT FORM NOTICE DETAILS |
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| SURVEY | Before you repair, remodel, renovate, or demolish, survey your structure using an Arkansas certified asbestos inspector to check for the presence and condition of asbestos. |
| NOTIFY | A City Official should notify DEQ's OAQ, Asbestos Program prior to any repair, remodel, renovation, demolition of a structure. Complete and return the Notice of Intent Form to the following address on the back. The form is available at www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/program/asbestos . |
| HIRE | Hire professional companies and crews with training and credentials in asbestos inspection, removal, and disposal. |

| STEPS | NUISANCE DEMOLITION FORM NOTICE DETAILS |
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| COMPLY | Before you repair, remodel, renovate, or demolish your structure ensure that plans comply with DEQ Asbestos Clarification 2008-2. |
| FOLLOW | Clarification 2008-2 outlines those conditions for nuisance demolitions. If the nuisance demolition falls within those outlined conditions than the provisions Regulation 21 may not apply. |

REMOVING ASBESTOS

Special training is required for individuals who disturb asbestos materials during repair, remodeling, renovation, or demolition projects. DEQ maintains a list of certified individuals, licensed asbestos firms, and licensed asbestos trainers. DEQ offers you the necessary information to protect people and the environment as you plan your project. **Call 501.682.0718 for details about safe asbestos removal and disposal.** Other state and federal agencies may also have laws and regulations regarding asbestos handling and removal.



Prior to burning structures as training for the fire departments, a city official must contact DEQ's Asbestos Program and Air Compliance Section. Find additional documents and information at www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/program.

DEQ'S MISSION

To protect, enhance, and restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans.

TRANSFORMATION & EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019

Established in 2019 as part of the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 (Act 910), the new umbrella agency called the E&E absorbed the former Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, which is now named the DEQ and retains its function as Arkansas's regulatory body in the area of environmental protection.

CONTACT US ON WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **CONTACT** DEQ at **501.682.0718** as soon as a demolition or remodeling project is planned.
- **VISIT** www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/program/asbestos:
LEARN about removal policies and details about the DEQ policy on nuisance abatement demolitions by municipalities.
READ the Asbestos Clarification memo 2008-02.
LOCATE the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation 21, Arkansas Asbestos Abatement.

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