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Asbestos Certificate

Statement of Responsibilities Regarding Asbestos

If you are planning to demolish or renovate any existing structure, you must complete a Statement of Responsibilities Regarding Asbestos (SRRA) to determine if you are subject to Federal and County rules relating to the demolition and handling of asbestos containing material. **(Broward County Asbestos Helpline 954-519-0340)**

If your project is for a residential building with 4 or fewer dwelling units (not for commercial purpose), you are exempt from Federal and County rules relating to asbestos, other than the on-line submittal of the [Statement of Responsibilities Regarding Asbestos](#). **Please note: if exempt, there are no fees associated with the SRRA. However, you must still submit a SRRA to obtain a Certificate of Submittal necessary for your building permit application.**

IF any of the following proposed facility and activity are true:

Facility

- Commercial, industrial, or public building
- Any residential building with more than four (4) dwelling units
- Two or more residential buildings at the same site ([Installation Definition](#))
- Any residential property being demolished for commercial purposes or by government order
- School / College / University
- Unsafe Structure
- Emergency

Activity

- Built-up roofing or asbestos roofing felt removal greater than 160 square ft.
- Exterior renovation (stucco/finishes) greater than 160 square ft.

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- Interior renovation (i.e. floor covering, dry walls, ceilings, floor/wall mastic) greater than 160 sq ft.
- Total or partial demolition of a load bearing structure.

THEN you may be responsible for the completion of one or more following Documents or Actions:

- Asbestos Survey Report prepared by a Florida Licensed Asbestos Consultant and uploaded into [ePermitting system](#) (in accordance with Broward County Code Chapter 27, Section 180)
- Demolition Plans (uploaded into [ePermitting system](#))
- Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation ten (10) working days prior to the start of the project (using [electronic Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation](#) or DEP form 62-257.900(1)), and payment of any applicable fee(s) per fee schedule (web-payment link will be emailed to customer after submission of documents into [ePermitting system](#))

NOTES:

1. Demolition refers to wrecking or taking out of any load supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations.
2. Renovation refers to altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of Regulated Asbestos Containing Materials (RACM) from a facility component.
3. All residential buildings with four (4) or fewer dwelling units, Public Schools/Colleges/Universities and Broward County owned properties are required to submit the SRRA, however, these projects are exempt from paying the \$100.00 SRRA review fee.
4. All other Demolition and/or Renovation projects in Broward County are required to pay the \$100.00 SRRA review fee, and \$200.00 After the Fact review fee.

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5. According to the Florida Building Code – Broward County Amendments, a homeowner may move, remove or dispose of asbestos-containing materials on a residential building with four or fewer dwelling units in which they reside if they personally appear and sign the building permit application. A homeowner may not hire an unlicensed person as his/her contractor. The work must be done according to all local, state and federal laws and regulations that apply to asbestos abatement projects. It is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure that people he/she employs have licenses required by state, county or city laws.
6. For demolition or renovation projects not otherwise subject to the federal or local asbestos regulations, the owner or operator shall take reasonable precautions to prevent the release of unconfined emissions of particulate matter.

Broward County's Asbestos Compliance Program

Through an agreement with the [Florida Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\)](#), Broward County is authorized to ensure compliance with federal asbestos regulations. The asbestos compliance program requires a submittal of a notification for demolition and building renovation projects (described in more detail below), as well as follow-up inspections by Broward County staff.

For more detailed information regarding federal asbestos regulations, see Asbestos Regulations below.

All asbestos-related inquiries should be directed to: AsbestosHelp@Broward.org

Please [click this link](#) for information about the county's NEW Asbestos Notification Fee Schedule effective May 1st, 2025.

[View our informative 2025 Asbestos Webinar recording here.](#)

To view our 2024 Asbestos Webinar, [click here](#).

Broward County's Asbestos Code

Broward County's air quality code Chapter 27, Section 27-180 requires the submittal of the following items at least 10 working days before commencing work on demolition or renovation project that are subject to the asbestos regulations:

- Statement of Responsibilities Regarding Asbestos
 - [Click here](#) to view how to submit an SRRA through our ePermits system
- Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation
- Thorough asbestos survey of the project
- Fee determined according to the Broward County Fee Schedule

More information on these codes and how they may affect you can be found at the link below:

- [Broward County Article IV - Air Quality Chapter 27, Section 27-180](#)

Review time for SRRA submittals deemed complete:

Up to 1 week for residential buildings with 4 or fewer dwelling units, including single family homes, duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes used for residential purposes only.

Up to 2 weeks for all other projects, including commercial and industrial facilities, condominiums, townhouses with 5 or more attached residential dwelling units, etc.

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All asbestos related inquiries should be directed to: AsbestosHelp@Broward.org

Please read through the following information prior to submitting email inquiries.

The federal asbestos regulations have been established by the U.S. EPA through the [National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants \(NESHAP\)](#) for Asbestos at 40 CFR 61 Subpart M. The NESHAP is supplemented by State of Florida rules and by Broward County Code:

- The [Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations \(DBPR\)](#) regulates the licensing of persons or companies engaged in removing asbestos from or demolishing regulated structures. The DBPR also certifies and approves training programs for institutions involved in the training and certification of consultants, contractors, project monitors, project supervisors or workers.
- The [Florida Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\)](#) has established requirements for the notification of projects subject to the NESHAP and the submittal fees associated with certain projects.
- Broward County has adopted both the federal NESHAP and DEP's rules by reference and has established additional notification and fee requirements.

View Our Asbestos Webinars

[Click here](#) to watch previous webinars for professionals in the asbestos industry, building officials, and anyone interested in learning more about asbestos compliance when performing building demolition or renovation projects. Learn about regulations and applicable requirements, Statement of Responsibilities Regarding Asbestos (SRRA), asbestos notifications and surveys, non-compliance, and more.

Building Demolition and Renovation Notification Requirements



Are you planning to demolish or renovate an existing structure?

- [ePermits.broward.org](https://epermits.broward.org) website for **ALL** demolition and renovation projects and [click here](#) to view how to submit an SRRA through our ePermits system.
- A Certificate of Submittal is required by both City and Municipal government building departments in Broward County before issuance of a demolition/renovation permit.
- The Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation Form must be submitted to the Natural Resources Division at least ten (10) working days in advance of the proposed demolition or asbestos renovation, regardless of the amount of RACM, and for all asbestos renovations. If you require further information, please contact the Natural Resources Division at 954-519-0340.
- Submit the Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation Form to the Natural Resources Division via [ePermits.broward.org](https://epermits.broward.org) or via the [Florida DEP Business Portal](#) (Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation).
- A demolition or renovation fee may also be required for the notification to be deemed complete ([Click here for Broward County's Fee Schedule](#)).

*RACM is any asbestos containing material that is considered friable, or which may reasonably be expected to become friable as a result the removal process.

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Broward County Inspections

Broward County conducts inspections of demolition and renovation sites to ensure compliance with federal, state and Broward County asbestos NESHAP requirements. Broward County **initiates enforcement actions for failure to provide required asbestos survey, ten (10) working day advance notice** of such activities as well as non-compliance with specific asbestos handling work practices.

Asbestos Questions and Answers

Are you interested in or concerned about the possibility of [asbestos in your home](#)? Is the information you generally find geared towards contractors and builders and little too technical or in-depth? Below are some general questions and answers about asbestos, what it is, where it is found, and health risks and how you can avoid them.



1. What is asbestos?

Asbestos is the common name for a group of naturally occurring mineral fibers that are known for their strength and their insulating properties. It is commonly found in a variety of building construction materials and products, for example:

- Heating system insulation
- Spray-applied insulation
- Vinyl sheet flooring
- Ceiling tiles
- Adhesives and construction mastics
- Roofing paper and shingles
- Cement siding shingles
- Plaster and joint compound
- Vermiculite (often used in fireproofing and insulation)



2. Why is asbestos a problem?

Asbestos is found in 3,400 different products under various names. When asbestos is disturbed, it can break down into microscopic fibers that may become airborne. Once airborne, these fibers can be inhaled and become trapped in the lungs, posing a health threat. Breathing asbestos can cause respiratory diseases, including asbestosis; lung cancer; and mesothelioma, a fatal cancer of the chest cavity lining.

3. ***How should asbestos be handled to minimize the health risks?***

The greatest potential for exposure to asbestos occurs when building materials containing asbestos are disturbed - usually during renovations and demolitions. All building owners should be aware of what steps need to be taken to properly identify and address any potential asbestos issues prior to beginning any work that may disturb asbestos-containing materials.

4. ***What should I do with asbestos in my home?***

Many homeowners have asbestos-containing materials in their homes. In order to properly identify these materials, homeowners should have an Asbestos Survey performed by a Florida Licensed Asbestos Consultant (FLAC) prior to any renovations or demolitions. Any asbestos-containing material that is in good condition **and** will not be disturbed should be left alone.

If asbestos-containing materials in the home are in poor condition or are going to be disturbed during renovation or demolition, they should be removed. Homeowners in a single-family residential home (not for commercial purpose) may do the work themselves, provided they are not selling the home within twelve (12) months. All asbestos-containing materials must be properly packaged and disposed of properly. Homeowners should use extreme caution when dealing with asbestos-containing materials, and should consider using a licensed asbestos contractor for all removal projects.

Asbestos Avoidance Checklist

- Do not carry out any projects on Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM)
- Do not disturb ACM by banging nails into it
- Do not drill into ACM
- Do not scrape or use a steam stripper on ACM
- Do not attempt to remove any ACM



5. ***What is RACM?***

Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material, also known as RACM, is a material that contains asbestos in quantities greater than 1% and can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to

powder by hand pressure when dry (friable); or former non-friable ACM that has lost its structural integrity by natural or mechanical force. These materials become regulated if more than 160 square feet, 260 linear feet, and/or 35 cubic feet of off-facility components are planned to be disturbed during a renovation or demolition project.

Some examples of RACM are:

- Spray acoustic ceilings
- Duct wrap
- Paper backing of linoleum
- Wallboard
- Thermal insulation of pipes and boilers

The use of asbestos in the manufacturing of these products was banned in 1978, but some products were still on the shelf and were used in the construction of homes and buildings for years after.

Non-friable asbestos-containing material is typically bound with cement, vinyl, asphalt or some other type of hardening binder. Some examples of non-friable asbestos building products are:

- Transite (cement) siding
- Vinyl asbestos floor tiles
- Asphalt roofing shingles

This material can become friable if it is pulverized during renovation or demolition.

6. What if my home is damaged from a hurricane or a storm?

The U.S. EPA recommends that if you know or suspect that your home contains asbestos and any of these materials have been damaged or will otherwise be disturbed during cleanup, seek the assistance of public health authorities and try to obtain help from specially trained contractors, if available. Asbestos containing materials can include the following:

- Popcorn ceiling materials
- Ceiling tiles

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- Floor tiles
- Asbestos roofing
- Transite boards
- [Additional information on U.S. EPA's recommendations](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the SRRA?

A Statement of Responsibilities Regarding Asbestos (SRRA) must be submitted electronically using Broward County's e-Permitting system. Broward County Code, Section 27-180(b), requires the SRRA to be submitted at least 10 working days before commencing work.

A SRRA review fee of \$100 is required for each non-exempt demo/renovation project at a single site, or a \$200 after-the-fact review fee. Residential buildings with four (4) or fewer dwelling units, public schools, or Broward County owned buildings are exempt projects not subject to the \$100 review fee nor the \$200 after-the-fact review fee. Section 27-180(b) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, and Section 40.23 of the Broward County Administrative Code authorizes the SRRA review fee to be submitted along with the SRRA.

What is the purpose of the SRRA?

Review of the SRRA ensures building permit applicants properly account for asbestos concerns and provides applicants information about asbestos related regulations and the handling of asbestos containing materials.

Will I need to pay a fee for submitting the SRRA for residential buildings with 4 or fewer dwelling units (residential quadplex, triplex, duplex or single family)?

No, residences with 4 or fewer dwelling units (not used for commercial purposes) are exempt from payment of the SRRA fee.

Why is Broward County collecting asbestos demo/renovation fees?

Since November 1, 2009, demolition and asbestos renovation notifications required a fee payable to Broward County at the time of notification submittal. Non-exempt asbestos demo/renovation projects are provided a fee invoice based on the amount of Regulated

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Asbestos Containing Materials reported. Broward County's responsibility for the asbestos program is to ensure:

- Compliance with federal, state, and local asbestos regulations to protect the environment and public health;
- Funding for administration of the program;
- Funding for surveillance and inspections of non-notified (non-compliant) projects;
- Fees are paid at time of notification, to avoid delinquent payments;
- Satisfactory customer service from review of notifications, plans, and surveys through field compliance inspections.

What projects are exempt from payment of fees?

Residential buildings with four (4) or fewer dwelling units, public schools/ colleges/ universities or Broward County owned buildings.

How will the Natural Resources Division (NRD) determine how much I owe for non-exempt demo/renovation projects?

At the time you submit your notification, a NRD Customer Service Representative will review the Notice of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation. Depending on the nature of the project (e.g. demolition or renovation), the quantity of regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) to be removed, the size of the building structure, and the fee schedule, NRD will determine the fee amount that is due. The customer can also make this assessment based on the information on the notification form.

What forms of payment will be accepted?

Payment must be made online using one of two ePermits electronic payment options: U.S. based bank check or major credit card (payable to Broward County Board of Commissioners).

Where do I submit the 10-day notification form?

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Submit the 10-day notification form to the Broward County Natural Resources Division (NRD) via email to AsbestosSurvey-Notice@broward.org, or you may submit it via the [Florida DEP's Business Portal website](#). Fee invoice payments are made directly to Broward County, see above.

Notifications should be sent to the following address:

We prefer receiving notifications (asbestos survey and scope of work/demo plans) via [Florida DEP's Business Portal website](#).

However, our physical address is located below:

Broward County Natural Resources Division
115 S. Andrews Ave., Mailbox 329H
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

What happens if a fee is due and it is not submitted at the time of notification?

The notification will not be considered complete. If work proceeds without submittal of the fee, the activity may be subject to enforcement action.

What if I submit the wrong payment amount?

- If you under-pay the fee at the time of notification submittal, your notification will be considered incomplete until the proper amount has been submitted. If NRD conducts an inspection and finds that you underestimated the fee, you will be required to pay the balance due. Failure to pay the balance may subject the owner or operator to enforcement action.
- If you over-pay, you will be given the option to get a refund or credit for a future project.

If I am conducting a demolition that has been ordered by the city, am I exempt from payment of the fee?

No. Unless the project is exempt from the NESHAP for asbestos, or the project is for public schools/colleges/universities, it is subject to payment of the \$100 SRRA fee, or a \$200 after-the-fact review fee, and any applicable demolition and/or asbestos renovation fees.

Where can I find additional information?

A description of the Asbestos Program, including applicable regulations, notification requirements, along with the fee schedule can be found under Asbestos Compliance above.

Additional Frequently Asked Questions concerning asbestos regulations may be found at [Florida DEP's Asbestos website](#).

If you have specific questions, you may call 954-519-0340 or email us at asbestoshelp@broward.org.

Do I need an air permit or an air license?

Broward County requires a State of Florida air permit or Broward County air license prior to constructing, operating, or modifying a facility or unit that emits, or is reasonably expected to emit, any air pollutant unless specifically exempt from permitting. Exemptions are based on industrial categories, operational conditions, and generic emissions thresholds. Exemptions may also be granted on a case-by-case basis if it is determined that emissions will not cause adverse impacts and regulation is not reasonably justified.

For additional air permitting or licensing information, please email: AirLicense@broward.org to request an electronic document containing more detailed information. (Please note that this document is in draft form since it undergoes regular updates to help clarify federal, state, or local air program applicable requirements.)