

## Survey and Notification Requirements

### **Step 1: Determine Survey Requirements**

Most renovation and demolition projects require notification to the Air District before obtaining a building permit from the local building department. Review this brochure for details on Air District Rule 902.

### **Step 2: Obtain an Asbestos Survey**

An asbestos survey must be performed by a Certified Asbestos Consultant before starting construction.

### **Step 3: Submit an Online Application at [AirQuality.org/Services](https://airquality.org/services)**

Create an account or log in if you are already registered, then choose an application:

- **Renovation** – any construction project not impacting asbestos or structural elements.
- **Demolition** – any construction project with impact on structural elements.
- **Asbestos Abatement** – removing regulated asbestos.

### **Step 4: Submit Documents & Fees**

Attach the completed Asbestos Survey and associated documents and pay any applicable fees. There is a 2-day review period for Renovation Applications and a 10-day review period for Demolition and Asbestos Abatement Applications.

### **Step 5: Provide a Copy of Your Approval to the Building Department**

You will be notified through the online portal or email when your project is approved. Provide a copy of the approval notice to the building department.

## About the Sac Metro Air District

The Sac Metro Air District oversees air quality in Sacramento County, covering unincorporated areas and cities including Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento. The Air District regulates activities that emit hazardous air pollutants, including asbestos.

## Contact Us

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**Asbestos Consultation Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 12 pm

## Additional Resources

### **CAL/OSHA (Asbestos Contractor/Consultant Registrations)**

- Complaint: (916) 263-2800
- Consultation: (800) 963-9424
- Consultant Registration: (916) 574-2993

### **Contractor State License Board**

- Investigation/Complaints: (800) 321-2752

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

### **Hazardous Waste**

- Alert & Complaint Hotline: (800) 698-6942

*This brochure provides general guidance for proper asbestos removal from renovation and demolition projects. For more on the Asbestos program, please visit: [AirQuality.org/Businesses/Asbestos](https://airquality.org/Businesses/Asbestos)*



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OPERATORS & CONTRACTORS  
NEED TO KNOW



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to submit your application

## About Abestos Regulation

Asbestos is a carcinogen that can cause serious illness when inhaled. The Air District enforces EPA national emission standards through Rule 902 to prevent asbestos release from construction activities.

Regulated Asbestos Containing Materials (RACM) have over 1% friable asbestos, meaning they can be crumbled by hand when dry. Friable asbestos use was mostly banned in 1978, but some products continued in construction for years. Any material can become friable if disturbed during renovation or demolition. Common asbestos-containing building materials include:

- Spray acoustic ceiling texture ("Popcorn Texture")
- Stucco, plaster, wallboard systems
- Insulation products (e.g., thermal system insulation on pipes and boilers, ducting wrap, fireproofing)
- Transite (cement) siding and pipes
- Flooring products (e.g., vinyl asbestos floor tile, linoleum paper backing)
- Roofing products (e.g., asphalt roofing shingles, nicolete roof material)

## Complying With Rule 902

Any person or company managing, supervising, or directing onsite activities at any facility being demolished or renovated, including property managers, contractors, consultants, architects, or supervisors, must follow Air District Rule 902. This rule applies to both residential and commercial projects.

## Residential Projects

Rule 902 generally does not apply to renovations and demolitions of residences with four or fewer units. Exceptions include:

- The building is being replaced by commercial property.
- The building is part of a mobile home park, condominium, apartment complex, townhouse, or homeowner association.
- The building contains a commercial enterprise, such as a nursing home or business accessible to the public.
- The project involves eminent domain or public works.
- The project includes residential facilities with five or more dwelling units.
- The project is scheduled for fire training or intentional burning.

## Commerical Projects

Rule 902 applies to all commercial demolition projects and commercial renovation projects impacting greater than or equal to:

- 160 square feet or more of exterior or interior walls, roofs, floors, and ceilings.
- 260 linear feet of asbestos-containing pipe.
- 35 cubic feet of components where the length or area could not be previously measured (e.g., fire debris or contaminated soil).

Other agencies may have stricter regulations. The Air District recommends hiring a certified asbestos consultant for sampling and project oversight.

## Best Practices for Removal

- Never attempt to remove RACM yourself; disturbing it can release harmful fibers.
- If RACM is in good condition, leave it alone as it should not pose a health risk.
- If RACM is disturbed during renovation or demolition, hire a licensed asbestos abatement contractor to safely and legally remove it.
- CAL/OSHA and the Contractors State License Board require using a licensed asbestos removal contractor who meets legal requirements and has the necessary staff, training, and equipment.
- Refer to the Contractors State License Board's booklet, "What You Should Know Before You Hire a Contractor," for guidance on selecting a contractor.
- Check landfill policies to determine if they accept regulated asbestos-containing waste.

## Asbestos & Property Sales

If an asbestos survey indicates that asbestos is present, or you have knowledge that asbestos exists in the structure, this must be disclosed to the buyer in the real estate transfer disclosure statement.

## Improper Disposal & Penalties

Improper removal/disposal of RACM can result in penalties of \$25,000 a day or more. It is your responsibility to understand and adhere to all regulations relating to renovation and demolition projects.