

***BROOKLINE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
HOUSING INFORMATION SERIES***

FACT SHEET #3; ASBESTOS REMOVAL

When asbestos material used as insulation or covering on a pipe, boiler or furnace is found to be defective, the owner shall correct the violation by repair, enclosure, or removal.

Removal Plan:

If, in order to correct a violation of 105 CMR 410.353 (A), the owner chooses to remove asbestos material, the owner shall submit an asbestos removal plan to the Brookline Health Department.

1. The plan shall include the following:
 - A. A description of the location
 - B. Nature, scope and method of removal work.
 - C. Place and method of disposal of asbestos material.
 - D. Name of the remover.
2. Town of Brookline application must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to starting date.
3. \$35.00 fee for each address.

No removal work shall commence before the removal plan has been approved by the health Department. Jobs starting without prior Health Department approval will be charged triple the amount indicated. Upon approval of the asbestos plan the Health Department shall notify, in writing, the owner that removal work may commence.

Removal Work:

During any removal work:

1. Persons engaged in asbestos removal shall only be assigned to perform those tasks authorized by a valid State certificate.
2. At least one certified supervisor/foreman shall be assigned to and be present at each asbestos project job site when work is in progress.
3. All persons engaged in asbestos work should keep their certification identification card at their job site and shall present is upon request.
4. Warning signs shall be posted at all approaches to the work area. Signs shall be posted a sufficient distance from the work area to permit a person to read the sign(s) and the precautionary measures to avoid exposure to asbestos.
5. All movable objects shall be removed from work area.
6. All non-movable or fixed objects remaining within the work area shall be wrapped or covered with six mil thick plastic sheeting. The covering shall be completely sealed with duct tape or equivalent.

7. The work area shall be isolated by sealing all openings including but not limited to windows, doors, ventilation openings, drains and grates.
8. Floor and wall surfaces shall be covered with plastic sheeting (polyethylene sheeting).
9. A three compartment decontamination system to be installed on all asbestos removal; exception 453 CMR 6.14, sec. 6, sec. 7.
10. Air testing to be performed upon completion of abatement. In no case shall clearance air monitoring samples be collected by the contractor or an employee of the contractor.
11. Prior to removal, asbestos material shall be thoroughly wetted with water to which surfactant has been added.
12. Removed asbestos material shall not remain in the work area, asbestos shall be contained in double plastic bags (6 mil) minimum thickness each.
13. Protective clothing and equipment: Personnel protective clothing shall mean full body disposable clothing, including head, body and foot coverings consisting of material impenetrable by asbestos fibers.
14. Asbestos waste will be transported in closed trucks for disposal at approved landfill location.
15. Negative air pressure will be continuously maintained during asbestos removal by use of HEPA filtration units.
16. A complete cleanup of the work area will be performed using the wet wipe method along with HEPA vacuums.

* A \$35.00 fee payable to the Town of Brookline must be submitted with this application (\$35.00 will be charged for each address, listed at job location.)

* Jobs canceled without informing the health Department at least 24 hours in advance will be required to submit a new application and fee.

* Jobs starting without prior Health Department approval will be charged TRIPLE the amount indicated.

If you have any questions about this or other Housing Code issues, please call the BROOKLINE HEALTH DEPARTMENT at 730-2306.