



# DEMOLISHING?

## CHECK FOR ASBESTOS BEFORE YOU START

**Definition of demolition (NWCAA Regulation 570):** Demolition means the wrecking, razing, dismantling, or burning of a structure, making all or part of the structure uninhabitable or unusable.

You cannot legally start any demolition project or most renovation projects until certain asbestos requirements are met ...



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**Conduct an asbestos survey.** The survey must be conducted by an AHERA-certified building inspector. (AHERA stands for Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act.) These inspectors are listed in the phone book yellow pages under "Asbestos Consulting and Testing" and on NWCAA's website at <https://nwcleanairwa.gov/?wpdmdl=325>.

**File a Notification of Demolition.** A completed notification and fee must be submitted to the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA). Forms are available online at <https://nwcleanairwa.gov/forms/asbestos-demolition-application/>.

**Wait.** A 10-day, federally mandated waiting period applies to all asbestos demolition projects except in emergency situations with prior agency approval. This gives NWCAA a chance to review and/or inspect projects to ensure compliance. Homeowners doing their own work are required to submit a 24-hour asbestos removal notification but must still wait 10 days after submitting a Notification of Demolition.

**Properly remove asbestos.** All asbestos-containing materials identified in the AHERA survey must be removed from the structure by a certified asbestos contractor prior to demolition, but after submitting a Notice of Intent to Remove Asbestos and observing a 10-day waiting period.

**For more information:** This document contains only a brief summary of asbestos requirements. For full details, contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at <https://nwcleanairwa.gov/> or call 360-428-1617. **Failure to comply with the asbestos requirements of NWCAA Regulation 570 may result in penalties.**

**Note to contractors:** Check with L&I for additional requirements at [www.lni.wa.gov](http://www.lni.wa.gov).



# RENOVATING?

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**Definition of renovation (NWCAA Regulation 570):** Renovation means the modification of any existing building, vessel, structure, component, or portion thereof, not including demolition.

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**Conduct an asbestos survey of suspect asbestos-containing materials.** For most structures, an AHERA-certified (Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act) building inspector must perform the survey/inspection. The only exception is for owner-occupied, single-family, non- multiple-unit dwellings where owners may conduct their own survey for suspect asbestos-containing materials if they are doing the renovation themselves. If asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are found, they must be avoided (not disturbed) or properly removed prior to the renovation.

**File a Notice of Intent to Remove Asbestos.** If any ACM is going to be removed from the structure, a Notice of Intent to Remove Asbestos and fee must be submitted to the Northwest Clean Air Agency. Forms are available online at <https://nwcleanairwa.gov/forms/asbestos-demolition-application/>.

**Wait.** A 10-day waiting period applies to all asbestos projects except in emergency situations with prior agency approval. This gives NWCAA a chance to review and/or inspect projects to ensure compliance. Homeowners doing their own work must submit an asbestos notification 24 hours prior to removing or disturbing ACM.

**Properly remove asbestos.** Abatement work must be performed by a certified asbestos contractor, unless homeowners are removing asbestos in their owner-occupied, single-family, non-multiple-unit dwellings. Homeowner instructions are available from NWCAA for removal of popcorn ceilings, sheet vinyl flooring and cement-asbestos board siding.

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