

Asbestos Information for Siding Contractors

As a siding contractor you need to be aware of several rules that may affect your ability to perform siding installation, repair and maintenance activities. Cement siding commonly contained asbestos and should be considered a suspect asbestos-containing material. DEQ and Lane Regional Air Protection Agency ([LRAPA](http://www.lrapa.org)) have specific rules regarding the handling and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM).

Asbestos fibers in the air pose a significant health threat to employees, the public, and the environment. DEQ/LRAPA regulates the removal and disposal of ACM to prevent asbestos fiber release and exposure.

DEQ requires an asbestos survey be performed by an accredited inspector to determine the presence of ACM in or on all public or private commercial buildings, or in or on any residential structure that has more than four dwelling units before any renovation or demolition activities. Asbestos hazard consultants and many of the licensed asbestos abatement contractors can provide this service.

When the renovation activity involves a single material, such as the removal of cement siding, there are two options:

1. You may presume the cement siding contains asbestos; depending on its condition (friable or non-friable), you must handle the materials as listed below.
2. You can collect a sample of the cement siding and have it analyzed at a laboratory. If analysis results identify that the cement siding contains asbestos, again depending on its condition (friable or non-friable), you must handle the materials as listed below.

For a fact sheet specific to the building survey requirement, a list of consultants, laboratories, and abatement contractors visit:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/aq/asbestos/>

In general, there are two types of ACMs:

- **Friable** ACM will easily release fibers when crushed. When cement asbestos board (CAB) siding materials are mishandled, damaged, badly worn or in weathered condition, all rules pertaining to friable ACM apply. Only DEQ licensed asbestos abatement contractors and certified asbestos

workers can remove and dispose of friable ACM. DEQ has specific training courses available that meet these certification needs. A list of DEQ licensed asbestos abatement contractors and training information can be found online

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- **Non-friable** ACM have a binder that holds the asbestos fibers within a solid matrix and will not allow asbestos fibers to release easily, unless mishandled, damaged, or in badly worn or weathered condition. Cement asbestos board siding in good condition and removed properly is considered a non-friable material. You do not need to be a DEQ licensed asbestos abatement contractor or a certified asbestos worker to perform non-friable asbestos abatement. **However, non-friable materials must remain in non-friable condition (predominantly whole pieces) during the removal and disposal process.** If you remove non-friable cement asbestos board siding, follow the DEQ guidance document. In addition, a non-friable project notification and fee are required to be submitted to DEQ five (5) days prior to the start date of the project. The waiting period can be waived by DEQ on a case by case basis under certain conditions. A copy of the guidance document and project notification can be obtained by contacting a regional office listed below.

Non-friable asbestos-containing waste material (ACWM) must be adequately wet and DEQ recommends it be packaged in leak tight containers. It must be disposed of at a landfill authorized to handle asbestos waste and be accompanied by a waste shipment report ([ASN 4](#)) at the time of disposal. Contact the landfill before delivering the ACWM. Landfills can be more stringent than DEQ and may only accept the material by appointment.

A copy of the guidance document, project notification, list of authorized landfills and waste shipment report can be obtained by contacting a regional office listed below.

Installation of new siding over CAB is not allowed because the installation process renders the CAB siding friable. In addition, sanding,



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grinding, chipping, or the use of power tools is prohibited during the handling, removal, and disposal of CAB siding.

If you disturb or mishandle ACM and cause employees, customers, tenants, the public or the environment to be potentially exposed to asbestos fibers, you can be liable for clean-up costs and enforcement action for rule violations. An enforcement action may include a civil penalty assessment.

Copies of the guidance document, abatement contractor and landfill lists, notifications and waste shipment form can be found on DEQ's website: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/aq/asbestos/>

Contact information

Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington Counties, call the Gresham office at 503-667-8414 ext. 55022.

Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties, call the Salem office at 503-378-5086 or 800-349-7677.

Lane County, call the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at 541-736-1056 ext. 222.

Jackson, Josephine and Eastern Douglas Counties, call the Medford office at 541-776-6107 or 877-823-3216.

Coos, Curry and Western Douglas Counties, call the Coos Bay office at 541-269-2721 ext. 222.

Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman, and Wasco Counties, call the Bend office at 541-633-2019.

Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties, call the Pendleton office at 541-278-4626 or 800-304-3513.

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