

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that asbestos can cause cancer. To protect citizens from the health hazards presented by airborne asbestos fibers, all building demolitions and many renovation projects within Hamilton County require a permit from the APCB, with the exception of projects involving certain residential buildings and apartments with less than five units. In addition, if asbestos-containing material is present, specific removal, transportation, and disposal techniques may be required.

Isolated Single-Family Dwellings

Demolition of one single-family residential building which has always been used as a residence does not require an APCB permit UNLESS it is being demolished or renovated as part of a larger project that includes demolition or renovation of non-residential buildings, or unless it is demolished along with other single family dwellings as part of the same project during the same calendar or fiscal year. The Bureau's Asbestos Coordinator must inspect the building to confirm this exemption in advance of the demolition or renovation.

Violations of the asbestos regulations may result in civil penalties for both the property owner and the contractor. Anyone who has questions about the status of a structure should contact the Bureau's Asbestos Coordinator at (423) 668-2561 before starting demolition or renovation.



Questions

Contact the Asbestos Coordinator
Chattanooga-Hamilton County
Air Pollution Control Bureau
6125 Preservation Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37416
(423) 643-5980

Other agencies associated with asbestos regulation include:

TN OSHA
(423) 634-6242

TN Solid/Hazardous Waste Mgmt.
(423) 634-5745

City of Chattanooga
Building Inspection Division
(423) 757-5105

Handling Asbestos



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Demolitions

You must obtain a permit from the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau (APCB) before demolishing part or all of any institutional, commercial or industrial building, or apartment buildings with more than four units.

You must provide written notice 10 days before demolition occurs even if no asbestos is believed to be present. This notice must include a complete asbestos survey that has been performed by a qualified person.

The permit and an invoice for the fee (see Asbestos Fee Schedule) will be mailed to the contractor. Demolition cannot begin until the APCB Director issues the permit. The contractor pays the fee unless the APCB receives other written instructions from the owner of the facility.

Specific removal, transport and disposal techniques will be required for demolitions if:

There is more than 260 linear feet of friable¹ asbestos-containing material used to insulate pipes or more than 160 square feet of friable asbestos material used to insulate or fireproof any duct, boiler, tank reactor, turbine, furnace or structural member (including ceiling tiles, floor tiles, etc.).

Demolition means:

- wrecking or removing a load-supporting structural member of a facility (this includes any related handling operations)
- the intentional burning of any facility.

Asbestos Fee Schedule

Demolitions

Amount of Asbestos Present	Permit Fee
No asbestos present	\$50
0-159 sq ft/0-259 linear ft	\$100
160-299 sq ft/260-299 linear feet	\$200
300-499 sq ft/linear ft	\$300
500-999 sq ft/linear ft	\$400
1,000-4,999 sq ft/linear ft	\$500
5,000 sq ft/linear ft and up	\$750

Renovations

Amount of Asbestos Present	Permit Fee
0-159 sq ft/0-259 linear ft	\$50
160-299 sq ft/260-299 linear feet	\$100
300-499 sq ft/linear ft	\$200
500-999 sq ft/linear ft	\$300
1,000-1,499 sq ft/linear ft	\$500
1,500-4,999 sq ft/linear ft	\$625
5,000 sq ft/linear ft and up	\$750

Renovations

You must have a permit to remove:

More than 260 linear feet of friable¹ asbestos-containing material used to insulate pipes or more than 160 sq ft of friable asbestos material used to insulate or fireproof any duct, boiler, tank, reactor, turbine, furnace or structural member (including ceiling tiles, floor tiles, etc.) that will be disturbed during the renovation.

If a building will undergo several renovation projects in the course of the year, each of which involves less than 260 linear feet or 160 sq ft of friable asbestos material, but when combined will total more than the above amounts, the renovation will require a permit from the Director of the Air Pollution Control Bureau (APCB). In these situations, you can obtain a permit in one of two ways:

- (1) Obtain a separate permit for each individual renovation project or
- (2) Provide yearly notification of all renovation projects (call for details).

Written notice for renovation projects subject to these regulations must be provided to the Bureau at least 10 days before the project begins. The permit and an invoice for the appropriate notification fee from the Asbestos Fee Schedule will be mailed to the contractor. Renovation cannot begin until the permit has been issued by the Director of the APCB.

¹ Asbestos is friable if it can be crushed or crumbled by hand. Removing otherwise non-friable material in a manner that may release asbestos fibers into the air subjects the process to regulatory requirements.