



City of Philadelphia
Department of Public Health
Public Health Services

Demolition



Requirements

Asbestos Inspection Reports



The Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I) will not approve permit applications for the partial or complete demolition of a building if an Asbestos Inspection Report is not attached. This does not apply to buildings constructed after December 31, 1980 or any residence with three dwelling units or less.

The purpose of this requirement is to prevent the unknowing disturbance of asbestos containing material during renovation or demolition projects.

The report must be prepared by a City of Philadelphia licensed Asbestos Investigator. The Asbestos Investigator will complete the Asbestos Inspection Report form. You should take the Asbestos Inspection Report to L&I Permit Services as part of your permit application.

Asbestos Inspection Reports are also required for renovation projects that propose alteration when the cost of the work exceeds \$50,000. The Investigator may not be hired by the renovation or demolition contractor. (Note: Although renovation projects that are under \$50,000 are exempted from this Asbestos Inspection Report submission requirement EPA and/or OSHA regulations may require similar Asbestos Inspections prior to the start of the project.)

To obtain a list of licensed Asbestos Investigators or for any additional information, Please call the Asbestos Control Unit at 215 685-7576.

Asbestos Abatement & Notification

All asbestos containing building material, friable or non-friable, that could be rendered friable by demolition must be removed prior to demolition. This work must be performed by a city licensed asbestos abatement contractor .

In addition to the L&I demolition permit, an Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation form must be submitted 10 working days in advance, even when no asbestos is present. A copy of the Investigator report must be attached. For major asbestos projects(> 40 linear ft. or 80 sq. ft.) an independent Asbestos Project Inspector must be hired by the building owner to provide oversight.

Buildings Imminently Dangerous and in Danger of Collapse: Notification and asbestos



permit applications (if applicable) must be submitted as soon as possible but no later than the following workday. If for safety reasons no one can inspect the building, a city licensed Investigator must be on site at all times during demolition. If asbestos is found during demolition the abatement must be performed by a licensed asbestos contractor. The Investigator may not be hired by the demolition contractor.

WHERE TO SEND COMPLETED NOTIFICATIONS

Send 3 copies of the notification and 2 copies of the permit application to:

Air Management Services

Asbestos Control Unit

321 University Ave. - Room 311

Philadelphia, PA 19104

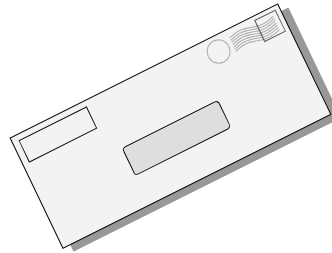
NOTIFICATION TO EPA: In addition, notification must be submitted 10 working days to the EPA prior to starting renovation projects regulated under the asbestos NESHAP and for all demolition projects. Send notification to:

US EPA

Asbestos Section

1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103



To obtain notification forms, asbestos abatement permit applications, list of licensed Asbestos Investigators, Asbestos Project Inspectors, Asbestos Abatement Contractors or for specific questions about the asbestos regulations, please call the Asbestos Control Unit at 215 685-7576.

Vector Control Requirements

According to chapter 4-1411 of the Philadelphia Code, effective rat control measures shall be employed before demolition or extensive excavation to exterminate rats which may infest the site, and to prevent migration of such rats to adjacent areas.

-All rat control measures must be in accordance with Regulations of Pa. Department of Agriculture (PDA) Title 7; meaning all rodenticide applications must be made by a PDA

licensed Pest Control Operator, applying only EPA registered pesticides consistent with the label. The label is the law.

-Baiting with rodenticides shall be undertaken within 14 days prior to the commencement of demolition.



- Immediately prior to beginning demolition, all service pipes, conduits and sewer laterals entering the site, whether in use or not, shall be securely capped using standard pipe plugs of the same material as the pipe.
- *No demolition shall begin until the Department of Health has either certified in writing that effective measures have been taken to control rodents or that measures to do so are unnecessary.*

For inspection and certification, copies of the ordinance, or more information please call Vector Control Services' Environmental Health Supervisor at 215 685-9711 or 215 685-9000.

Dust Control Plan

All contractors submitting an application for a permit to demolish any building that involves implosion or to demolish a building over 6 stories tall by any method must submit a Dust Control Plan.

Demolition projects may generate large amounts of dust. During all traditional demolition the building and debris should be continually misted with water whenever dry conditions prevail. Implosion requires an extensive plan that includes community outreach and monitoring.



To obtain a copy of the guidelines for implosions or for more information please call 215 685-7572.

Submit plans to:

Air Management Services

Source Registration Unit

321 University Av. Room 227

Philadelphia, PA 19104

This document provides an overview of demolition project requirements of the Department of Public Health. Other federal, state, and city regulations may also apply.