

DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality _____

Permit # _____ (Office Use Only)

ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION ON APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED.

Name of Applicant _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Fax _____ Other _____

Owner Name (If same as Applicant, check) _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Fax _____ Other _____

Demolition Contractor (If same as Applicant, check) _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Fax _____ Other _____

Workers Compensation Certificate or Waiver must be attached.

Property located at: _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Subdivision _____ Parcel _____ Zoning _____
 Tax Map # _____
 Size of Lot _____ Deed # _____ Owned since _____
 Directions to Site _____

Description of building or structure to be demolished (use, number of stories): _____

UTILITIES

Demolition may not begin until all utilities have been terminated. The owner must ensure that all utilities have been properly terminated. Upon completion of the demolition, all debris shall be removed from the premises and the cellar filled and graded to level.

Name of Utility Provider	Has service has been terminated?	Utility Provider Signature	Date
Gas			
Electric			
Water			
Sewage			
Septic			

The applicant certifies that all information on the application is correct and the work will be completed in accordance with the "approved" construction documents and PA Act 45 (Uniform Construction Code) and any additional approved building code requirements adopted by the Municipality. The property owner and applicant assumes the responsibility of locating all property lines, setback lines, easements, rights-of way, flood areas, etc. Issuance of a permit and approval of construction documents shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel or set aside any provisions of the codes and ordinances of the Municipality or any other governing body. The applicant certifies he/she understands all the applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.

I certify that the Building Code Official or the Code Official's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter areas covered by such permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the code(s) applicable to such permit.

I certify that I am the owner of record or a duly authorized representative of the owner of record.

 Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

 Print Name of Owner or Authorized Agent

 Date

Demolition Permit Checklist and Construction Guidelines

Complete the following checklist for the proposed building demolition. Items that require an acknowledgement only, mark with your initials. Items which do not apply, mark with "N/A" or not applicable:

- _____ Completed permit application form.
- _____ Photos of structure to be demolished. Photos must show all sides of structure.
- _____ Two (2) site plans clearly describing the structure(s) being demolished including the location, distances to property lines and distances to sidewalks, pavement and curbs where they abut property lines. Plans must also show the size and location of any existing buildings or structures that will remain on the site.
- _____ Identify the type and location of site utilities such as gas, electric, water, cable, telephone, etc. on the site plan.
- _____ Identify on the site plan if any underground storage tanks (combustible and flammable liquids) are present on the property.
- _____ Asbestos shall be removed in accordance with **PA Department of Environmental Protection** Asbestos Removal Requirements. For more information, please review the attached DEP Fact Sheet or view their website at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/dep/site/default.asp>.
- _____ Notify **PA One Call** at 1-800-242-1776 at least 3 days prior to start of demolition or excavation.
- _____ If applicable, location dimension and construction details for pedestrian protections must be detailed on site plan as required in Section 3306 of the International Building Code. Demolition of any building shall not commence until pedestrian protection is in place. Refer to Section 3306 of the 2006 IBC for specific protection requirements. (IBC Section 3303.2)
- _____ Provisions shall be made to prevent the accumulation of water or damage to any foundations on the premises or the adjoining property.
- _____ No methods of demolition will be permitted which will not insure all phases of such demolition being strictly confined within the limits of the demolition areas and without hazard to adjacent properties or to the public.
- _____ Explosives may not be used to demolish any unit or structure.
- _____ Under no circumstances shall any structure be set afire. Debris from demolition shall not be burned.
- _____ Public water service piping must be capped at an approved location and inspected by a Water Authority representative prior to its concealment / backfilling.
- _____ When public sewer is present and the lateral is being abandoned: Laterals must be capped at the public main as directed and inspected by a Sewer Authority representative prior to backfilling.
- _____ All sewer lines are to be located, cut and plugged at the property line closest to the service line.
- _____ When on-lot septic systems are present: (1) Tanks must be pumped, (2) any associated piping must be removed and properly disposed of, and (3) tanks must be removed and properly disposed of OR abandoned in-place with holes punched in the tank bottom and filled with clean fill.
- _____ On-lot wells to be abandoned shall have the pump removed; the shaft shall be filled with clean stone and permanently capped 12 inches below finished grade.
- _____ Where a structure has been demolished or removed, the vacant lot shall be filled and maintained to the existing grade or in accordance with the ordinances of Unity Township. Only clean fill is to be used in backfilling of demolished structures. Existing concrete floors below grade are to be removed or broken sufficiently to prevent potential below grade water accumulation. (IBC Section 3303.4)
- _____ All excavations outside the street right of way must be filled with suitable uncontaminated material and installed to meet structural fill requirements if the area will be a bearing surface for below or above ground structures or buildings. Stone backfill material must be used for backfill when working within a street right-of-way.
- _____ Indicate whether demolition waste materials will be disposed of onsite or offsite. Only uncontaminated soil, rock stone, gravel, concrete, brick, concrete block debris may remain onsite. All demolition materials removed from the site must be disposed of at an approved facility / site.
- _____ If applicable, future construction requires backfilling with approved engineered fill or excavation to virgin soil.
- _____ All basement partitions, furnaces, heating apparatus, piping, gasoline or oil tanks, miscellaneous fixtures and stairways shall be removed from the area of condemnation.
- _____ All rubbish and debris found on the demolition area at the start of the work as well as that resulting from the demolition activities or deposited on the site by others until final inspection and approval shall be removed and legally disposed of by the contractor who shall keep the project area and public right-of-way reasonably clear at all times.
- _____ All requirements of the International Building Code pertaining to demolition must be complied with.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date

ASBESTOS PROGRAM FOR CONTRACTORS WORKING IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania asbestos program includes federal and state regulations to help protect the public from exposure to hazardous amounts of airborne asbestos. The following is a brief summary of the regulations. Information in this fact sheet does not supersede any federal, state or local requirements.

WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a generic term used to describe a variety of natural mineral fibers. From the early 1930s until the 1970s, manufacturers added asbestos to products for strength and to provide heat insulation and fire resistance. Asbestos also resists corrosion and is a poor conductor of electricity. Because few products contained all of these properties, asbestos was widely used in the construction of homes, schools and other buildings.

HOW CAN PEOPLE BE EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS?

Most people are exposed to small amounts of asbestos in their daily lives. However, if materials containing asbestos are disturbed – for example sawed, scraped or sanded into a powder – asbestos fibers are more likely to become airborne and inhaled into the lungs.

HOW IS ASBESTOS REGULATED IN PENNSYLVANIA?

Because asbestos, in certain forms, has been determined to cause serious health problems, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates the removal, collection, transportation and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM). The DEP air quality program has adopted and enforces the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M, the Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulations, as amended on Nov. 20, 1990. Should a project be subject to the NESHAP regulations, a minimum ten-day notification of the project is required to be made to both EPA and DEP. The EPA and DEP do not regulate the removal of ACM from private residences unless the residence is an apartment with five or more units.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (PA DLI) enforces the Pennsylvania Asbestos Occupations Accreditation and Certification Act of 1990 (Act 194 and Act 161), which requires certification for the following asbestos occupations: contractor, inspector, management planner, project designer, supervisor and worker. PA DLI requires a five-day prior notification for friable asbestos on indoor projects at regulated facilities (including the EPA/DEP exempt private residence when the friable asbestos is disturbed by someone other than the homeowner). Call PA DLI at 717-772-3396 for more information regarding Act 194 and Act 161.

Contact the municipality where the project is located to find out if there are any local regulations.

WHAT ARE SOME IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS IN THE ASBESTOS NESHAP REGULATIONS?

- Friable ACM is material containing more than one percent asbestos that, when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.
- Nonfriable ACM is material containing more than one percent asbestos that, when dry, **cannot** be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. It is divided into two categories:
 - Category I includes asbestos-containing packings, gaskets, resilient floor coverings or vinyl asbestos floor tile and asphalt roofing products.
 - Category II includes any other asbestos-containing material, except Category I nonfriable ACM, such as transite siding shingles, galbestos, concrete-type piping and other ACM concrete-type products.
- Regulated asbestos-containing materials (RACM) are: (a) friable ACM; (b) Category I nonfriable ACM that has passively become friable by water damage, fire damage or weathering; (c) Category I nonfriable ACM that will be or has been subjected to sanding, grinding, cutting, drilling or abrading; and (d) Category II nonfriable ACM that has a high probability of becoming or has become crumbled, pulverized or reduced to a powder in the course of demolition or renovation operations.
- Demolition – the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations **or** the intentional burning of any facility.

- Renovation – altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of RACM from a facility component.
- Facility – any institutional, commercial, public or industrial structure. A single residential building with four or fewer dwelling units is not a regulated facility under the NESHAP regulation unless it is part of an installation, which was previously subject to NESHAP regulations or its main use is not residential.
- Installation – any group of buildings or structures at a single demolition or renovation site that is under the control of the same owner or operator. An installation may consist of two or more residential structures.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE REMOVING ASBESTOS IN PENNSYLVANIA?

State regulations stipulate that it is illegal for anyone to engage in any asbestos occupation (worker, supervisor, project designer, inspector, management planner or contractor) without proper certification from the PA DLI. These requirements, along with a five-day notification prior to the start of any abatement or demolition project where ACM is present, are outlined in the Pennsylvania Asbestos Occupations Accreditation and Certification Act of 1990 (Acts 194 and 161). Call the PA DLI at 717-772-3396 for more information regarding these requirements.

The building must be thoroughly inspected for ACM prior to any renovation or demolition. If the amount of friable ACM that will be removed is more than 260 linear feet, 160 square feet or 35 cubic feet, the project falls under the federal NESHAP regulations. This requires that a notification be postmarked or hand delivered to DEP and EPA at least **TEN WORKING DAYS** prior to the start of the project. **All demolitions of regulated facilities (as defined above) also require a ten-day notification to DEP and EPA, regardless of the presence of asbestos.**

Additional regulations exist for demolition and renovation of any building containing ACM in Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties. In Philadelphia County, call 215-685-7576. For questions in Allegheny County, call 412-578-8133. It is important to contact the appropriate office if your project is located in either of these counties.

WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION?

Notification for projects in Pennsylvania are submitted on the "Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation Notification" form (revised 10/2002) (Web form revised 11/2007). A form may be obtained by contacting the DEP asbestos office at 717-787-9257 or by contacting the nearest DEP regional office listed below. The form also can be printed from the DEP Web site found at www.depweb.state.pa.us (choose DEP Programs (A-Z) and under the A heading choose Asbestos). Complete instructions are given with the form. The notice must be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, commercial delivery service or hand delivery. **FACSIMILES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

WHAT IF I NEED MORE INFORMATION?

To obtain copies of the NESHAP regulations, the notification form or other information, please contact your regional DEP office:

Southeast Regional Office – 484-250-5920 for work in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties.

Northeast Regional Office – 570-826-2511 for work in Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties.

Southcentral Regional Office – 717-705-4702 for work in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry and York Counties.

Northcentral Regional Office – 570-327-3638 for work in Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union Counties.

Southwest Regional Office – 412-442-4000 for work in Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland Counties.

Northwest Regional Office – 814-332-6940 for work in Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties.

For work done in Philadelphia County, contact Air Management Services at 215-685-7576.

For work done in Allegheny County, contact Allegheny County Health Department at 412-578-8133.

For more information, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Asbestos.