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Clean Air News

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Materials in Your Home That May Contain Asbestos

- Acoustical "popcorn" ceiling texture
- Asphalt flooring
- Base flashing
- Blown-in insulation
- Breaching insulation
- Brick mortar
- Built-up roofing
- Caulking/putties
- Ceiling tiles/panels/mastic
- Cement board/transite
- Cement pipes
- Cement roofing shingles
- Chalkboards
- Construction mastics
- Duct tape/paper
- Ductwork flexible connections
- Electrical cloth
- Electrical panel partitions
- Electrical wiring insulation
- Erkot roofing material
- Fireproofing
- Furnace insulation
- Gray/silver roofing paint
- HVAC duct insulation
- Incandescent light fixture backing
- Joint compound/wallboard
- Mudded pipe elbow insulation
- Nicolet (white) roofing paper
- Packing materials
- Paper fire box in walls
- Paper on backside of fiberglass insulation
- Pipe insulation/fittings
- Plaster/wall joints
- Poured flooring
- Rolled roofing
- Roofing shingles
- Sink insulation
- Spray-applied insulation
- Stucco
- Sub flooring slip sheet
- Textured paints/coatings
- Vinyl floor tile/mastic
- Vinyl sheet flooring/mastic
- Vinyl wall coverings
- Window glazing

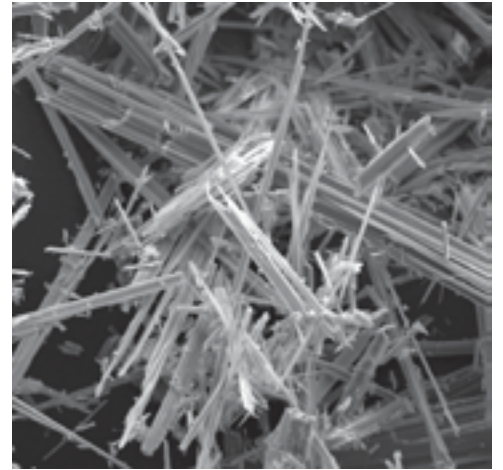


Asbestos fibers can cause significant health problems when inhaled.

Asbestos in Your Home?

Before beginning a home renovation project, you need to find out if there is asbestos present in your worksite. Common household items that may contain asbestos include heating system insulation and ductwork, spray-on "popcorn" ceilings, vinyl flooring, cement shake siding, plaster, ceiling tiles and a variety of other materials.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring microscopic fiber that may become airborne when disturbed. When these heat-resistant and durable asbestos fibers get into the air, they may become inhaled into the lungs and can cause significant health problems. Despite the ongoing prevalence of asbestos in the things around us every day, there is no safe level of exposure to airborne asbestos. That is why medical, environmental health and regulatory agencies stress the need to protect your health by minimizing exposure to airborne asbestos fibers.



The growing popularity of do-it-yourself home repairs and renovations has increased the potential for asbestos exposure. If you own and reside in a single-family home, you can be allowed to do your own asbestos removal and disposal during home renovation projects (SWCAA Regulation 476). However, the process is neither easy nor inexpensive. The best way to handle a project that may deal with asbestos-containing material (ACM) is to hire a qualified, asbestos-certified contractor. Most home repair or remodeling contractors do not have an asbestos abatement license or employ certified workers who are trained and equipped to work safely with asbestos. Visit our website for a listing of certified contractors.

You may repair or remove asbestos in a house you own and live in. However, SWCAA strongly recommends that you not repair or remove asbestos-containing materials yourself. Removing asbestos requires special equipment and detailed training. More importantly, without proper equipment and training, incorrect actions could cause asbestos fiber contamination throughout your home and neighborhood. Call SWCAA at 360-574-3058 for more information and advice on the best way to handle asbestos repair or removal.

SWCAA Regulation 476 requires that prior to demolition or renovation of a structure, a thorough asbestos inspection must be conducted by an AHERA certified inspector in order to ascertain the presence of ACM in all affected structures or areas. If ACM is found, the owner or contractor must submit a removal notification to SWCAA and a copy of the asbestos inspection report. A Notice of Intent to Remove or Encapsulate Asbestos is also required at this time. These notification forms are available on our website at www.swcleanair.org. All asbestos must be completely removed from the affected structures or areas prior to structure demolition or structure renovation taking place. If asbestos is not found and the project only involves renovation, then work may proceed.

For more information, a list of certified contractors and the notification forms you may need, visit the asbestos section of our website at www.swcleanair.org or call us at 360-574-3058.



New & Improved Woodstove Rebate Program

For a limited time while funding is available, the Southwest Clean Air Agency, in cooperation with local dealers, is offering rebates on new Washington-certified home heating units. The rebate is offered to residents of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties and is good toward the replacement of an old, uncertified woodstove with purchase of a new Washington certified woodstove or pellet stove, gas or propane stove or insert. A signed Certificate of Destruction is required for rebate eligibility. Rebate amounts vary according to the replacement unit purchased:

Replacement Unit	Rebate Amount*
WA Certified Woodstove	\$250.00
WA Certified Pellet Stove	\$300.00
Natural Gas or Propane	\$400.00

*Residents of Skamania County may qualify for an additional \$100 Gorge rebate on a replacement unit to further reduce air emissions in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Contact SWCAA at 360-574-3058 for more information or for a list of participating woodstove dealers in your area. This rebate program is funded in part by the Washington Department of Ecology.

Know the Rules Before You Burn

"Can I burn?" is not as simple of a question as you might think, and yet we hear it every day. The answer depends on many factors—where you live, the materials involved and the time of year, to name a few. All Urban Growth Areas in the state of Washington are permanent No Burn Areas, as well as a large portion of south Clark County where air pollution was higher than federal standards allow. In all other areas, certain permits are required to legally burn yard debris, depending on pile size and location. For more information about burning, visit www.swcleanair.org or call us at 360-574-3058.

SWCAA encourages residents to try a curbside yard debris pick-up service, recycling, chipping or composting yard debris. "Composting is a good alternative to burning," says Bob Elliott, executive director of the Southwest Clean Air Agency. "It is an easy and inexpensive way to turn yard and garden waste into a usable and valuable product. Compost turns organic matter like leaves, grass, weeds and wood chips into a rich soil amendment."

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BURN INFORMATION - OTHER COUNTIES

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

Chip Chuprinko joined the Southwest Clean Air Agency in August 2007, filling the network administration/database position vacated by Leonard Tato. Chuprinko has a long history in mainframe, pc application and web development working in the financial and insurance industries. A resident of Vancouver for more than 30 years, Chuprinko and his wife grew up in Pittsburgh but enjoy the Northwest climate much better. Classes at the University of Pittsburgh, UCLA, Clark College and Microsoft University provided his educational foundation in the computer industry. He enjoys astronomy (when it's not

cold or rainy), Ham Radio (emergency services) and playing music (keyboards, piano, guitar and bass). He is the choir director for his church and enjoys playing with his 11-month-old grandson.

Tina Hallock joined SWCAA in January 2008 to replace Mary Allen who is retiring soon. Hallock previously worked as an escrow assistant at Fidelity National Title for four years and as a loan officer with a finance company for seven years before that. Originally from San Diego, she and her husband enjoy going out to eat, watching movies and cheering on their 13-year-old son who plays a lot of sports.