TOWN OF WILMINGTON
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
Memorandum

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TO: Residential & Commercial Building Owners, Renovation & Demolition Contractors, Plumbing &Heating Contractors, Floor & Roofing Contractors, etc.

FROM: Al Spaulding, Inspector of Buildings

RE: Asbestos Removal

Effective immediately, all building and demolition permits must have either a No asbestos is found document or an Asbestos Notification Form (ANF-001) from DEP as part of the permit package prior to conducting any renovation or demolition activity.

Attached is a fact sheet to help you determine when this documentation must be submitted. Failure to identify and remove all asbestos containing material prior to its being impacted by renovation or demolition activities can result in significant penalty, exposure, and higher clean-up, decontamination, disposal and monitoring costs.

For further information, please use the following link:

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/programs/answers-to-common-asbestos-questions.html

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Do I need to conduct a thorough asbestos inspection prior to any renovation or demolition activity?
All residential, commercial and institutional building owners and/or operators (e.g. building owners, renovation and demolition contractors, plumbing and heating contractors, flooring contractors, etc.) need to determine all asbestos containing materials (both non-friable and friable) that are present at the site and whether or not those materials will be impacted by the proposed work prior to conducting any renovation or demolition activity.
Examples of commonly found asbestos containing materials include, but are not limited to, heating system insulation, floor tiles and vinyl sheet flooring, mastics, wallboard, joint compound, decorative plasters, asbestos containing siding and roofing products and fireproofing.
You will either supply a **No asbestos is found document**, or an **Asbestos Notification Form (ANF-001) from DEP** with your building permit application.
Exemptions: Certain types of very small asbestos abatement projects have been exempted from the requirement to notify Mass DEP and the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (MA DLS) 10 days before work starts. These are:
* Removal or disturbance of 100 square feet or less of exterior asbestos-containing cementitious shingles, siding and panels.
* Incidental maintenance projects involving 100 square feet or less of asbestos-containing floor tiles and related asbestos-containing mastics, or 32 square feet or less of asbestos-containing gypsum wallboard and/or joint compound.
* Abatements of non-friable materials that are conducted by the owner of a single family residence, who also lives at that residence, as long as the non-friable material does not become friable and the project does not involve removing or disturbing more than 100 square feet of exterior asbestos-containing cementitious shingles, siding and panels.
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How do I know if my building contains Asbestos? How do I choose a contractor?
Hire a Department of Labor Standards (DLS) certified asbestos consultant to determine if asbestos is present and whether removal/repair is necessary. If the building is a state-owned facility, contact the Department of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) and DLS. DLS provides a list of licensed asbestos abatement contractors and consultants. You may wish to ask about a contractor's history of violations. Only DLS licensed and DLS certified asbestos abatement contractors and consultants may be hired to perform asbestos-related work in Massachusetts.

Asbestos Forms--including the Application for Non-Traditional Asbestos Abatement Work Practice Approval and the Waste Shipment Record template:
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/programs/asbestos.html#2

Find a licensed asbestos abatement contractor:
http://www.mass.gov/lwd/docs/dos/lead-asbestos/asbestos/web-list-ac.pdf