Texas Department of State Health Services
Asbestos Survey and Notification Requirements
for Renovation of Buildings
Decision Tree Flowchart

Is the structure to be renovated a single family dwelling or an apartment or condominium of 4 or less units?  

Yes

Will it be converted to an apartment or condo with 5 or more units, or to a commercial or public building?  

No

Regulated by the TAHPR and/or the NESHAP. Is the facility a public building (allows general public access) or will it be used as a public building?  

Yes

Are other homes or commercial or public buildings on the same site also being renovated?  

No

TAHPR and NESHAP not applicable. OSHA worker protection rules may apply.  

Yes

Regulated by the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). Asbestos survey must be performed. Are the other buildings public?  

No

Asbestos survey must be performed in accordance with NESHAP. In commercial buildings the inspector must have had an EPA/State approved asbestos inspector’s course. Does the survey identify Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) above the 160 square feet, 260 linear feet, or 35 cubic feet removal threshold (total for all buildings combined)?  

Yes

• Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days before any activity begins that will disturb or remove RACM.  
• RACM must be removed prior to activity that would disturb it.  
• NESHAP trained person must be on site during removal of RACM.  

No

TAHPR and NESHAP not applicable. OSHA worker protection rules may apply.  

Yes

Asbestos survey in public buildings must be performed in accordance with TAHPR by a DSHS licensed asbestos inspector. Does the survey identify ACBM?  

No

TAHPR and NESHAP not applicable. OSHA worker protection rules may apply.  

Yes

Is the project part of an O&M plan whose activities over the course of the calendar year will exceed the RACM notification threshold?  

No

• Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days before any activity begins that will disturb or remove ACBM.  
• ACBM on the interior of the building, and on covered walkways and porticos, must be abated by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor and if greater than 160 square feet, 260 linear feet, or 35 cubic feet designed by licensed consultant.  
• RACM on the exterior must be abated in accordance with NESHAP.  
• NESHAP trained person must be on site during removal of RACM.  

Yes

Submit annual O&M notification to DSHS.  

TAHPR and NESHAP not applicable. OSHA worker protection rules may apply.  

Key:
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
DSHS – Department of State Health Services  
TAHPR – Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules  
NESHAP – National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants  
OSHA – Occupational Health and Safety Administration  
RACM – Regulated Asbestos Containing Material  
ACBM – Asbestos Containing Building Materials  

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