



**CITY OF PORTLAND**  
**Permitting and Inspections Department**

## **Demolition of a Structure Submission Checklist**

A permit is required for the demolition of any structure or building. A permit for interior demolition only, or alterations including demolition should be filed with the applicable interior alterations permit application (see Submission Requirements for [One- and Two-Family Additions and Alterations](#) or [Commercial Interior Alterations](#), as appropriate).

All applications shall be submitted online via the [Citizen Self-Service \(CSS\) portal](#). Refer to the attached documents for complete instructions. The following items shall be submitted (please check and submit all items):

**Demolition of a Structure Submission Checklist** (this form)

**Completed Demolition Call List** (see attached)

**Copies of written notices to property owners** of all abutting lots (see Tax Assessor's office for names and address of owner or record)

**A photo of the structure being demolished**

**A plot plan or site plan** of the property showing the shape and dimension of the lot, footprint of all existing structures and structure(s) to be demolished, including distance from property lines and the location and dimension of all parking areas and driveways

**Certification from an asbestos abatement company**, if required (See attached information regarding asbestos demolition.)

**NOTE: A Sealed Drain Permit from the [Department of Public Works](#)** is required prior to beginning demolition. Apply for a Sealed Drain Permit via the [Citizen Self-Service portal](#) 7 days prior to the termination of the sewer lateral. Please call (207) 874-8801 or email [portlandstreetopenings@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:portlandstreetopenings@portlandmaine.gov) if you have any questions.



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## Demolition Call List & Requirements

Please call all of the numbers listed below, even if certain utilities do not apply to your project.

**Site Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Structure Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Approvals	Phone #	Contact Name	Date
Central Maine Power	1-800-750-4000	_____	_____
Unitil	(207) 541-2502	_____	_____
Portland Water District	(207) 761-8310	_____	_____
Dig Safe	1-888-344-7233	_____	_____
<i>Note: After calling Dig Safe, you must wait 72 business hours before digging can begin.</i>			
State of Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection	(207) 287-7751	_____	_____

### City of Portland Approvals

Planning and Urban Development:

- Historic Preservation (if property is within a historic district) (207) 874-8726

Department of Public Works:

- Traffic Division (207) 874-8891
- Sealed Drain/Sewer Lateral (207) 874-8801

*Notify DPW prior to demolishing a structure. A Sealed Drain Permit is required within 7 days of proposed work, if there is an existing sewer connection.*

Fax a copy of State Asbestos Building Demolition Notification to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection:

Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
Lead & Asbestos Hazard Prevention  
Phone: (207) 287-7751  
Fax: (207) 287-6220

***I have contacted all of the necessary companies and government offices as indicated above and attached all required documentation.***

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a legal document and your electronic signature is considered a legal signature per Maine state law.*

## BUILDING PERMIT SUPPLEMENT

### Important Lead-Safe Building Practices & Resources

If you're working on homes, schools or day care centers built pre-1978, you now must be EPA Lead-Safe Certified.

Avoid risk of government fines and civil liability, plus gain competitive advantage as a lead-safe certified contractor.

Submit an application to certify your firm for five years. A one-day Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) class will also certify your renovators for five years.



Lead is toxic to adults and especially to children living in a home. Improper removal of lead paint may also poison the person removing it and their family.

- ✓ Keep others, especially children and pregnant women, out of the work area.
- ✓ Keep all dust contained inside the work space. Create barriers between the work area and living space.
- ✓ Protect yourself and your workers from dust and debris.
- ✓ Clean up dust in lead-safe ways.

#### RESOURCES

**Maine DEP (general lead information)**..... [www.state.me.us/rwm/lead](http://www.state.me.us/rwm/lead); (800) 452-1942  
**Renovation Repair Painting Classes (RRP)**... [www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/trainingcal.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/trainingcal.shtml)  
**Information for Landlords**..... [www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/landlords.html](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/landlords.html)

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## Maine Department of Environmental Protection

### What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a general term for several kinds of natural mineral fibers that have been used to strengthen and fireproof materials for nearly 4,000 years. The fibers are recovered from asbestos ore mined primarily in Canada, Russia, and South Africa. In addition to being good insulators, asbestos fibers are strong, flexible, fireproof, and very resistant to chemical attack.

### What products contain asbestos?

Asbestos is found in a wide variety of products. It has been used to manufacture nearly 3,500 products such as pipe insulation, boiler covering, sprayed-on acoustical plaster, vinyl floor products, rigid siding, cement pipe, gaskets, paints, paper, textiles, and friction materials like disc brakes. Buildings constructed before 1980 are very likely to contain some asbestos products.

### Is asbestos a health or environmental problem?

The presence of asbestos in such a wide variety of consumer products means that most Americans have been exposed, over time, to this mineral to one degree or another.

For the vast majority of Americans who have never worked with asbestos, the exposure received in their lifetime should have no significant health effects. However, for those exposed to large amounts of asbestos for significant periods of time, there may be serious health consequences.

Prolonged high exposure to asbestos fibers has been shown to cause asbestosis (lung scarring), lung cancer, mesothelioma, and several internal cancers such as cancers of the stomach and larynx. People who have been exposed to asbestos who also smoke have a much greater chance of disease than nonsmokers.

### Is all asbestos potentially dangerous?

Asbestos products are potentially dangerous if they release asbestos fibers to the air where the fibers can enter the body through the lungs.

Friable asbestos, such as pipe and boiler covering and spray-on insulation, is the asbestos of primary concern. It easily releases asbestos fibers into the air when crushed, handled or disturbed. Asbestos that is in good condition or in a form that does not easily release fibers is much less of a hazard. This means that well-maintained asbestos or asbestos tightly bound into materials like vinyl or cement is much less likely to release asbestos fibers.

### What are the laws regarding asbestos?

In Maine, the asbestos regulations apply to any work that impacts greater than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of asbestos. The Maine "Asbestos Management Regulations" require that the Department be notified prior to removal or repair of asbestos, that companies performing inspection, monitoring, design, training, asbestos analysis or abatement be licensed with the Department, and that certain work practices be followed to protect employees and the public. Also, individuals working for the licensed companies must be trained and certified with the Department.

Engineering controls, such as polyethylene "containments", negative pressure ventilation, and wet methods, are basic requirements in the asbestos regulations of both the Maine DEP and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Engineering controls minimize the potential for asbestos fiber release in and out of the asbestos work area. The importance of utilizing proper engineering controls on an asbestos project can not be overemphasized.

Maximum allowable employee exposures are regulated by OSHA and personal protective equipment (suits, respirators, etc.) and hygiene standards are prescribed. Protective equipment is to be used only in conjunction with engineering controls and not as a "stand-alone" defense against inhalation of asbestos fibers.



### Who regulates asbestos?

Several state and federal agencies regulate asbestos in Maine including:

- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Primary asbestos contact in Maine. Responsibilities include regulating licensing, notification, training, storage, transportation, disposal and work practices for removal, inspection, design, monitoring, and analysis of asbestos. Telephone number: (207) 287-7751.
- Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Regulations include the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule (AHERA - 40 CFR Part 763), the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP - 40 CFR Part 61), and the Worker Protection Rule (Subpart G to 40 CFR Part 763). The Maine DEP is delegated to implement the AHERA and NESHAP rules in Maine. EPA telephone numbers are available from the DEP.
- Federal OSHA: responsibilities include regulating employee exposure to asbestos in the workplace through the asbestos construction and industry standards (29 CFR Parts 1926 and 1910). Telephone number: (207) 780-3178.

### Asbestos Inspections Required Prior to Demolitions and Renovations

In Maine, improper demolition activities may be the greatest single source of asbestos exposure to the general public and to trades people working on the project. Prior to demolition or renovation of a building, the owner must ensure that the work will not disturb more than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of asbestos-containing material (ACM). Owners of buildings, other than residential buildings with less than 5 units, must have a DEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant inspect the building (or area) for asbestos. Residential buildings with 2-5 units can be surveyed for likely asbestos-containing materials by knowledgeable non-licensed people (e.g. building inspectors and CEO's who have asbestos-awareness training); any materials likely to contain asbestos must be tested by a DEP-certified inspector or assumed to be ACM.

If ACM is identified in a building that will be demolished, or any building materials are assumed to be ACM, these materials must be removed by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor before the demolition. Similarly, if any ACM is identified or assumed in areas of a building that will undergo renovation, the ACM must be removed by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor before the renovation occurs. Intact asbestos-containing flooring and roofing may be left in place during demolition of a building if the demolition is performed by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor using large equipment in accordance with the Maine "Asbestos Management Regulations".

### Demolition Notification

State and federal regulations require that building owners notify the DEP at least 5 working days prior to demolition of a building (other than single-family residences). This notification is required **even if no asbestos is identified in the building**. Forms are available from DEP and your local code enforcement office.

**Please note:** OSHA regulates asbestos anytime an employer/employee relationship exists. OSHA worker protection rules exist and must be followed for abatement activities. Contact the local OSHA office with questions.

### What if I have additional questions about asbestos?

The DEP regulates most asbestos activities in Maine and acts as an asbestos information clearinghouse. For more information about asbestos, contact the Asbestos Hazard Prevention Program in the Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management at (207) 287-7751 or visit the web site at [www.maine.gov/dep/waste/asbestos/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/asbestos/index.html)



Excerpt from: Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Solid Waste Management Rules, Chapter 425: Asbestos Management Regulations

For full text of Waste Management Rules, visit: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/rules/index.html>

## Pre-Abatement Requirements

- A. Renovation and Demolition Inspections.** Prior to conducting a renovation or demolition activity that impacts any building material likely to contain asbestos (such as those used in roofing, flooring, siding, ceiling, and wall systems) or any component likely to contain asbestos (such as heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and plumbing systems), the owner or operator must have an inspection conducted for the presence of asbestos-containing materials. In lieu of inspection, the owner or operator may presume that building materials and components contain asbestos that requires that these materials be abated in accordance with these rules.

A DEP-certified Asbestos Inspector must perform the inspection. The inspection must identify all asbestos-containing materials that could be impacted during the renovation or demolition activity, must be completed prior to submission of notification to the Department, must be in writing, and must be on-site and made immediately available to the Department upon request.

Residential dwellings constructed before 1981 that consist of two (2) to four (4) units must be evaluated for building materials and components that are likely to contain asbestos. This evaluation may be performed by a DEP-certified Asbestos Inspector or by a person familiar with asbestos-containing building materials. If building materials and/or components likely to contain asbestos are found, these must be removed in accordance with these regulations prior to demolition except as allowed in section 7(B) of this rule or must be tested by a DEP-certified Asbestos Inspector to demonstrate that they are not ACM.

Single family residences, and residences constructed after 1980 that consist of two (2) to four (4) units, are exempt from the inspection provisions of this section.

Specific building materials that do not require inspection, sampling, and analysis for asbestos include: wood, fiberglass, glass, plastic, metal, laminates, foam, rubber and gypsum board when joint compound was used only as a filler and not as a layered component, and intact caulking and glazings. Also, building materials do not need to be inspected when written documents exist confirming that no asbestos was used in the materials that will be impacted, or that the materials were previously inspected by a DEP-certified Asbestos Inspector and affirmatively determined through sampling and analysis to not be ACM.

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Note: To maintain compliance with Maine law, if more than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of ACM is present, this ACM must be removed prior to the demolition, except that intact packing, gaskets, roofing, and flooring may be left in place when the demolition is performed by large equipment in accordance with these rules. Homeowners are encouraged to conduct a walk through of their single family homes to identify suspect asbestos-containing materials, such as thermal system insulation, ceiling tile, exterior cementitious siding, rigid panels, and flooring, and hire an asbestos-consultant or asbestos abatement contractor if suspect materials are observed. The Department can provide, upon request, more information regarding common asbestos-containing materials in buildings.

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**Asbestos Building  
Demolition  
Notification**

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Department of Environmental Protection  
Lead & Asbestos Hazard Prevention Program  
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**Notice**

Prior to demolition, building owners must determine if there is any asbestos-containing material(s) (ACM) in the building. An "asbestos inspection" by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant is required for all buildings regardless of construction date, except single-family homes and residential buildings with 2-4 units built after 1980. In lieu of an asbestos inspection, pre-1981 residential buildings with 2-4 units can be surveyed to identify possible ACM by someone knowledgeable about ACM, such as a code enforcement officer or building inspector.

If your project involves the demolition of a single family residence or a residential building with less than 5 units, please answer the following questions to determine whether you need to have your inspection performed by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant:

Does this demolition/renovation project involve more than ONE residential building at the same site with the same owner?  Yes  No

Is this building currently being used, or has it **EVER** been used, as a commercial, government, daycare, office, church, charitable or other non-profit place of business?  Yes  No

Is this building to be demolished as part of a highway or road-widening project?  Yes  No

Is this building part of a building cooperative, apartment or condo building?  Yes  No

Is this building used for military housing?  Yes  No

Have other residences or non-residential buildings at this site been scheduled to be demolished now, or in the future, as part of a larger project?  Yes  No

Is more than ONE building to be lifted from its foundation and relocated?  Yes  No

Will this building be intentionally burned for the purpose of demolition or fire department training?  Yes  No

**If you answer "no" to all the questions above, your building can be inspected by a knowledgeable non-licensed person as applicable.**

**Any "yes" answers to the above questions requires an inspection by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant.**

**Important Notice**

Before you can demolish any building, including single-family residences, all asbestos materials must be removed from the building. The removal of those materials must be done by a MDEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor, except single-family homeowners may remove some asbestos under certain circumstances (Contact MDEP for more information).

With the exception of a single family home, building owners are required to submit the Asbestos Building Demolition Notification to the MDEP at least five (5) working days prior to the demolition **EVEN IF NO ASBESTOS** is present.

# Asbestos Building Demolition Notification

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## Inspection/Survey Results:

Were asbestos-containing building materials identified or presumed positive?  Yes  No

If Yes, is the removal of ACM subject to MDEP asbestos regulations?  Yes  No

If No, explain WHY NOT: \_\_\_\_\_

property address:	building description: <input type="checkbox"/> pre-1981 residential with 2-4 units <input type="checkbox"/> post-1980 residential with 2-4 units <input type="checkbox"/> other:
asbestos survey/inspection performed by: (name & address)	asbestos abatement contractor
telephone:	telephone:
property owner: (name & address)	demolition contractor: (name & address)
telephone:	telephone:
demolition start date:	demolition end date:

Whenever more than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of ACM is identified, the ACM must be abated in accordance with the Maine Asbestos Management Regulations by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor. This includes materials presumed to be ACM. Check [www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/index.htm) for a listing of asbestos contractors.

Prior to issuing a local demolition permit, the MDEP requests that **municipalities** have applicants for municipal demolition permits complete this form and fax it to the MDEP at 207-287-6220. Municipalities should not issue local demolition permits if the required asbestos inspection or survey has not been performed and identified ACM removed.

*This demolition notification does not take the place of the Asbestos Project Notification if applicable*

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

Print Name: Owner/Agent

Title

Signature

Telephone #

FAX #

Date



## Permitting and Inspections Department

Dear Applicant,

Beginning March 19, 2018, all building permits shall be submitted online via the City of Portland's Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal. Online submission of permit applications will help to streamline the application intake process and will improve transparency for the permitting process. In order to submit an application, you will need to register with CSS using a valid e-mail address. Refer to the instructions on the Citizen Self Service homepage, or via the links at the bottom of this page. Please verify that you have selected the correct permit type and checklist and that you have compiled all the required drawings and documents before beginning the application process.

Please note that our format for application submissions has changed. All application documentation shall be compiled into two PDF files-- one file containing all drawing sheets and a second PDF file containing all supporting documentation. Refer to the Requirements for Electronic Submissions for specific instructions on how to prepare your application submission and to the appropriate checklist for required submission items. The review of your application will not begin until a complete application has been submitted and the permit fee has been paid in full. Work may not commence until the permit has been issued.

If you have questions, please contact the Permitting and Inspections Department at (207) 874-8703 or [permitting@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:permitting@portlandmaine.gov). Thank you in advance for your patience as we transition to a new and improved permitting system.

For more information:

[How to Apply for a Permit](#)

[How to Register with CSS](#)

[Permit Type Guide](#)

[Requirements for Electronic Submissions](#)

[Citizen Self Service](#)



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## How to Apply for a Permit

All permit applications shall be submitted online through the City of Portland's [Citizen Self Service](#) (CSS) portal. Online submissions will streamline the application intake process and will allow for greater transparency for applicants during the permit review process. You will be able to view the progress of your permit application, pay invoices, resubmit files and request inspections through CSS. Before submitting an application, please read the instructions below:

1. To begin, review the [Permit Type Guide](#) to determine the appropriate permit type and work class for your project.
2. Once you have determined the correct permit type, refer to the corresponding submission checklist and instructions for that permit type.
3. Compile all the required drawings and documentation as listed on the checklist into two PDF files (one file containing all drawing sheets and one file for all supporting documentation).
4. Go to the [CSS website](#) to apply for your permit. If you have not registered with CSS, see the instructions for registering, [here](#).
5. Once you have logged in to CSS, go to Apply and select the correct permit type. For a full list of all permit types, select All, under Permits.
6. Select Apply, next to the correct permit type. This will take you to the online application form.
7. Complete the form. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
  - a. To add a location, click on the plus sign and search for the project address. If the address cannot be found in the search, go to the City's [Parcel Map Viewer](#), to find the correct parcel address (this may be different than your street address or mailing address. Please input a parcel address that is recognized by the system to avoid delays in the intake process). For the Search function, entering less in the Search box will return more results.
  - b. To add a Contact, click the plus sign under the appropriate contact type and search.
  - c. Complete all other relevant and required fields and click Next. Once you've completed all pages of the form, you will have the opportunity to review the information before submitting. Once submitted, you cannot change your application information.
8. After reviewing your application information, click Submit. You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application.
9. Permitting staff will review your application for completeness. You will be notified via e-mail if any items are missing. Upload requested items via CSS Attachments.
10. When the application is complete, you will receive an e-mail directing you to CSS to pay your invoice.
11. Once payment is received, your permit will go into review.



## Requirements for Electronic Submissions

In order to ensure a timely review of the application, please read and follow the requirements below for all submissions:

- **Initial submission files shall be submitted via the Citizen Self Service portal. Before submitting an application, review [How to Apply for a Building Permit](#).**
- **Submissions should include two PDF files—one file containing all drawing sheets and one file containing all other supporting documents.** Only PDF files are acceptable for plan review. Files should be labeled either “Drawings” or “Documents” with the project address included in the file name.
- **Drawing files shall be bookmarked with names based on the drawing sheet number and name.** It is recommended to include a Category/Discipline letter (such as A for Architectural), a sheet number and a descriptive title (e.g., A1 Existing Exterior Elevation).
- **A graphic scale or a scale to reference shall be included on each drawing sheet.**
- **Plans prepared by a design professional shall include a Code Analysis sheet,** referencing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Portland City Code, Chapter 10 – Fire Prevention and Protection, which includes NFPA 1, Fire Code and NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. Chapter 10 of the City Code can be viewed at:  
<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/citycode/chapter010.pdf>.
- **Submissions should include all required documents and drawings as listed on the appropriate Submission Checklist sheet specific to the type of work being performed.**
- **Corrections made by City of Portland plan reviewers will be available for the applicant to view by logging into CSS and selecting “eReviews”.**
- **Revisions submitted in response to plan review comments should be uploaded directly in eReview by logging into CSS, going to the permit record and selecting eReviews.**

For further information and to access PDF versions of this and other forms, visit the Permitting and Inspections Department online at <http://portlandmaine.gov/1728/Permitting-Inspections>.