



STORM CLEANUP INFORMATION FROM THE MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) is providing information to the public about the dangers of possible asbestos containing building materials in storm and/or flood damaged structures and requirements related to open burning of storm debris. Please contact MBARD at (831) 647-9411 if you have any questions.



ASBESTOS HAZARDS

Asbestos containing materials are very common in homes, buildings, and other structures. Asbestos can be found in, but not limited to:

- Wallboard, ceiling materials (such as popcorn ceiling or ceiling tiles), wall or ceiling coatings, insulation, flooring (such as linoleum or vinyl tiles), exterior plasters, or roofing materials.

MBARD recommends taking steps to reduce the risk of asbestos exposure to yourself and others during the cleanup process. MBARD recommends the following steps for clean-up:

- Have an asbestos survey be conducted by a California state-licensed asbestos consultant before disturbing materials or debris.
- Have asbestos-containing debris be removed by a California state-licensed asbestos contractor.

MBARD has a list of local consultants [here](#). You can also search for one through the [California Department of Occupational Safety and Health \(DOSH\) California Asbestos Consultants and Certified Site Technicians database](#).



MBARD Asbestos Removal Notification Requirements

MBARD does not have jurisdiction over removal of asbestos containing materials or debris from single-family homes. However, disposal of asbestos containing materials must be done in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements.

MBARD **does** have requirements for an asbestos survey and notification for removal of building materials or debris that are suspected to contain asbestos from other types of structures such as business, commercial, schools, apartments, condominiums, or industrial. If you fall into this category, please check with us before doing any removal by calling MBARD at (831) 647-9411. Additional information is also available on our [asbestos webpage](#).



MBARD Demolition Notification Requirements

MBARD also has requirements for notification before demolition of structures located at facilities such as, businesses, commercial properties, schools, apartments, condominiums, or industrial. These facilities must have asbestos-containing materials removed before demolition. If a building is already down due to flooding, the site must be secured.

A licensed asbestos abatement contractor must remove the asbestos-containing material from the structures prior to demolition or downed buildings and debris when feasible. If you fall into this category, please check with us before doing any demolition by calling MBARD at (831) 647-9411. Additional information is also available on our [asbestos webpage](#).

Links to other resources:

- [EPA Flooded Homes Cleanup Guidance](#)
- [Managing Asbestos Waste Fact Sheet](#)
- [Cal/OSHA Asbestos Requirements for Workers](#)
- [Local Building Departments](#)



OPEN BURNING

The disposal of yard waste and vegetation by open burning is allowed within certain requirements, however, under no circumstances can building or construction debris be burned. Please make sure to check with your local fire district or MBARD for open burning requirements related to storm debris cleanup. For additional information, check out our [Open Burning webpage](#).

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