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DEMOLITION INFORMATION FOR ASBESTOS

All commercial and public buildings that are considering demolition mush have an asbestos inspection by a licensed professional and file an Asbestos Notification form with Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency addressing asbestos concerns <u>prior</u> to any work being started, even if asbestos is not present. <u>www.epa.illinois.gov</u> or call 217-782-3397.

If you are demolishing a residential structure and you suspect there is asbestos you should do the following:

Residential Buildings:

- 1. Seal off the area from which the asbestos will be removed, and shut off any forced air heating systems.
- 2. Wear a respirator fitted with cartridges that filter out asbestos.
- 3. Avoid breaking the asbestos into small pieces because this can increase the amount of airborne fibers. If asbestos is removed improperly and is broken or crumbles, causing dust, health risks increase.
- 4. Keep the asbestos wet during the entire removal process by using a spray bottle or other device.
- 5. Place the asbestos in leak proof plastic bags, and seal the bags.
- 6. Place the sealed bags in a cardboard box to prevent them from breaking open, and dispose of the bags at a permitted landfill.
- 7. Clean the area from which the asbestos was removed thoroughly with a wet mop, rags, or sponges.
- 8. Wash yourself and change your clothes.

Commercial Buildings:

- 1. IEPA: projects of a least 160 sq. ft and all demolition projects shall submit the State of Illinois Demolition/Renovation/Asbestos Project Notification Form.
- 2. IDPH: abatement projects greater than 3 sq ft. and up to 160 sq ft. and all school projects shall submit the State of Illinois Demolition/Renovation/Asbestos Project Notification Form
- 3. Forms may be found at: www.ildceo.net/enviro A \$150.00 fee is required.

Demolition of Structures:

1. Burning and open dumping of construction & demolition debris is strictly prohibited by the IEPA and the Jersey County Property Maintenance Ordinance. First time violators face penalties of \$1500 per violation.