

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## ASBESTOS VERIFICATION AND CHECKLIST



THE CITY OF ASPEN

### ASBESTOS INFORMATION

Asbestos is a known human carcinogen and is an airborne hazard. Once airborne, asbestos fibers can stay suspended in the air for days, weeks, or even months before settling out of the air. The fibers can easily become airborne again from a minor disturbance like turning on an air conditioner. Uncontrolled asbestos abatement projects or renovation projects that disturb asbestos may cause latent asbestos hazards that could expose people to asbestos in the future, long after the renovation activity occurred. The airborne asbestos fiber concentrations resulting from disturbances may result in a significant exposure to the current and future occupants of the home.

**The 1989 "ban" on asbestos-containing materials is commonly misunderstood.** In fact, in 1991 the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of appeals vacated much of the so-called "Asbestos Ban and Phaseout Rule" and remanded it to the EPA. Thus, much of the original 1989 EPA ban on the U.S. manufacturing, importation, processing, or distribution in commerce of many asbestos-containing product categories was set aside and DID NOT TAKE EFFECT. Therefore, ALL demolition, remodel or renovation projects must determine if disturbed material above the trigger levels contains asbestos.

### ASBESTOS CHECKLIST

Yes  No

**Residential:** Will you be removing more than 32 sq ft, 50 linear feet (e.g., pipe insulation), or the volume equivalent of a 55-gallon drum of any material besides concrete, wood, bricks, or steel – examples are drywall, linoleum, ceiling tiles, roofing materials, etc.?

Yes  No

**Commercial:** Will you be removing more than 160 sq ft, 260 linear feet (e.g., pipe insulation), or the volume equivalent of a 55-gallon drum of any material besides concrete, wood, bricks, or steel – examples are drywall, linoleum, carpet, carpet adhesives, ceiling tiles, roofing materials, etc.?

**If the answer is YES to any of the above, you will need an asbestos test before you can receive a building and/or demolition permit. You will also need to provide plans indicating areas to be demolished and determine if a CO state demolition license is required.** A state certified asbestos inspector must do this test and the test report must be submitted with the building permit application. If the building has asbestos, a state certified asbestos abatement firm must remove it. After removal, the abatement firm must provide a letter to the Building Department stating that all the asbestos has been removed and that the air is clean. This letter must be received BEFORE a permit will be issued. (See the local or statewide Yellow Pages, DexOnLine, or <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/asbestos/index.html> for certified asbestos inspectors and abatement companies. ALWAYS ask for proof of current state certification.)

**If you are demolishing the building,** you must submit a demolition permit app with the CDPHE in addition to the Aspen permit app. This form may be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/asbestos-forms> NOTE: A copy of this demolition permit app must be submitted with the initial building permit application. When the CDPHE approves the app, their issued permit must be given to the Aspen Building Dept before we issue our permit.

**I hereby certify that the above information is true and complete.**

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please call the City of Aspen Environmental Health Department at 920-5039 at any time if you have questions about asbestos, interpreting your test results, or other matters.