

POST-STORM GUIDANCE

ASBESTOS CLEANUP



In response to an emergency created by the landfall of tropical systems, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will typically issue an Emergency Authorization that waives specific rules and statutes to address the need for immediate response and recovery actions.

Asbestos Cleanup

DEP's asbestos program focuses on protecting the public from exposure to airborne contaminants, such as asbestos, during the demolition and renovation of commercial, public and residential buildings.

Requirements

DEP's Emergency Authorization waives the requirement for owners or operators to notify DEP of asbestos demolition or cleanup activities 10 days before starting work.

The Emergency Authorization requires owners or operators to notify DEP within one business day of starting demolition or cleanup activities. This written notification should be submitted to your [local asbestos abatement staff](#) and must include the following information:

- Location where work is being performed; and
- Name, address and telephone number of the owner's representative or operator regarding the work.

If not part of a larger project, residential buildings with four or fewer dwelling units and single-family homes are excluded from these notification requirements.

Restrictions

DEP's Emergency Authorization does not waive any requirements related to the handling or proper transportation of asbestos-containing materials.

Asbestos-containing materials can only be disposed of in a Class I or Class III landfill in accordance with [Rule 62-701.520\(3\), Florida Administrative Code](#).

The burning of asbestos-containing materials is prohibited.

Questions

Additional information regarding compliance with Florida's asbestos regulations can be found on the [Asbestos Regulation FAQs](#).

If you have questions regarding the cleanup of asbestos-containing material, please contact your [local asbestos abatement staff](#) before starting renovation or demolition activities.