



## Winter 2019-20 Asbestos Updates

Good afternoon! Below are a couple of short announcements before we get into our main topic: **Cement Asbestos Board (CAB)**.

**Did you apply for your 2020 Asbestos-Containing Waste Material Temporary Storage Permit?** A person may establish a facility for the purpose of collecting and temporarily storing asbestos-containing waste material if a permit is issued. To apply for a permit, use this [application form](#).

**Filing an electronic Notice of Intent (e-NOI) Amendment** - Amendments are different in the new e-NOI. When you make an amendment, the new information is put in the NOI form itself. (Previously, the amendment was separate and the NOI form never changed.) When you make an amendment you must therefore print the NOI form to show the new information. (Keep all versions of the NOI on-site.) The list of "amendments" is actually a history of the information that was on the NOI form before you made the amendment. So, current information is on the form and previous information is on the list--which is opposite of the old system.

Thank you all for your patience during the transition to our new data system and e-NOI. Currently all seems to be working as intended, therefore we are no longer accepting any notifications or amendments by fax or e-mail. If you are having a problem call and speak with an inspector. Outside of business hours leave a message in the general voice mail box and someone will return your call the next business day. Please let us know if you have any ideas for improvements.

### CEMENT ASBESTOS BOARD (CAB)

Cement Asbestos products provided builders with a rugged solution for simple roofing and siding projects. Historically these are more durable than drywall and easier to work with than concrete, and they have numerous applications in construction. Many were made with asbestos, although today's cement sheets are usually made of cellulose. So how do you know which is which? Here are a few examples of common cement asbestos building materials that you may encounter that require testing.

**Corrugated asbestos sheets** - Fibrous cement created an easy and affordable alternative to corrugated metal panels, which offer little insulation and inevitably rust over time. Corrugated asbestos sheets were used in the roofing and siding of all types of buildings, especially in factories and farms.

**Asbestos flatsheet** - Because fibrous cement is much more water resistant than drywall, flat sheets of asbestos cement found their way into the interiors of homes and businesses as walls and underlayment for flooring.

**Asbestos lumber** - Also called asbestos cement sheathing, "asbestos lumber" was not made out of wood at all. Instead, it was marketed as a superior alternative to wood. It was fireproof and electrically nonconductive, yet still soft enough to be worked like natural lumber. Asbestos lumber was used as a base for roofing and siding materials such as shingles and false brick facing.

**Cement Asbestos Board (CAB) siding** - The most common cement asbestos building material in our area is cement asbestos siding. CAB should be abated prior to all reno/demo projects.

**Assistance is available** - If you or your customers/clients have any questions about properly abating asbestos-containing materials please refer to the links and contacts below.

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