

Emergency Guidance Fact Sheet: Asbestos

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Critical Facts:

- Any building or structure may contain asbestos. Inhalation exposure can occur when asbestos-containing material (ACM) is disturbed, causing a fiber release.
 - Do not burn or grind materials.
 - Removal, transportation, or disposal of ACM may need permits under federal and state of Montana regulations.
 - Asbestos-containing waste material (ACWM) can only be disposed of in a landfill that meets the DEQ requirements for accepting ACWM.
 - Residential buildings with four or fewer dwelling units do not meet facility requirements. Contact ACP or consult the [Residential Exemption](#) for more information.
 - There are **no** statutory or regulatory provisions that stay the applicability of Federal regulations for activities related to catastrophic events.
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Debris on the Ground:

- Building debris on the ground from structures totally destroyed by natural forces (as opposed to structures demolished in whole or in part by human activities) is **not** subject to federal and state requirements related to demolition and renovations or transportation requirements.
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Partially Destroyed Buildings:

- If a building is partially destroyed or moved off its foundation, but still standing, further demolition or renovation requirements are subject to federal and state regulations.
- If a state or local government (town or city administration) issues a Demolition Order based on a determination that the building is structurally unsound and in danger of imminent collapse, the demolition is exempt from certain provisions of the NESHAP. Contact DEQ ACP for additional information.