



TOWN OF CICERO
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WHY DO I NEED AN ASBESTOS TEST???

If you applied for a permit to remove and replace siding on a structure in the Town of Cicero, you have been informed we require an asbestos test prior to us accepting your permit application for review. This is a required step to maintain compliance with the Cook County Department of Environmental Control.

The Cook County Department of Environmental Control strives to improve the quality of the environment and protect the public health of the residents of Cook County.

Mandates and Key Activities

- Inspection and permitting of process equipment, air pollution control equipment, business fuel burning equipment, building demolition, asbestos removal, open burning, gas station vapor recovery, dry cleaners, solid waste and recycling facilities and other activities;

Please be advised, as of November 21, 2012, several changes to the asbestos and demolition sections of the Cook County Environmental Ordinance went into effect. These changes included definitions, including:

- ARTICLE VI. - ASBESTOS AND RELATED SUBSTANCES
 - Sec. 30-541. - Definitions.
 - *Strip* means to take off ACM from any part of a structure or structural components.

The Town of Cicero is committed to protecting the safety of all people living and/or working in our town. In order to protect this health and safety, and to maintain compliance with Ordinances in Cook County, the Town of Cicero requires an asbestos test of any project where removal (stripping) of siding is involved.

- If the test comes back negative, a Town Permit will be issued.
- If the test comes back positive, then you must also obtain and comply with Cook County Department of Environmental Control Permitting Procedures, and State and Town Rules for licensing for asbestos abatement.

One option, to avoid this, is to “encapsulate” the old siding by installing over the existing. Your permit application, and any and all contracts must state this specifically, as they will be maintained as part of the properties file.

For more information regarding the Cook County Department of Environmental Control, please visit:

<http://www.cookcountyil.gov/environmental-control>

Main Office:
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*The Town does not recommend any companies to perform work.
Asbestos Testing Agencies can be found through an internet search, or through the phone book.*