What is Asbestos?
Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous mineral made up of microscopic crystal fibers. Manufacturers and builders use asbestos for its practical properties such as sound absorption, strength, affordability and resistance to fire, heat and electricity.

Why Should I be Concerned?
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that more than 3,600 various commercial products containing asbestos have been manufactured, sold and used in the U.S.
- When these products are disturbed, the asbestos fibers become airborne and can remain suspended in the air for hours or even days after they are released. Asbestos fibers can become trapped in the body after inhalation.
- Asbestos is a known carcinogen. The diseases caused by asbestos develop years after exposure.

Where is Asbestos Found?
Not all asbestos is banned. Asbestos containing materials (ACM) are still being sold and used. They include, but are not limited to:
- Insulation (boilers, pipes, ducts, etc.)
- Fireproofing, sound proofing and textured ceilings
- Ceiling tiles
- Vinyl floor tiles and the backing on vinyl sheet flooring and adhesives
- Cement roof and siding shingles and panels
- Textured paint and patching compounds used on walls and ceilings
- Heat-resistant fabrics

Asbestos Activities
Georgia's Asbestos Regulations include the:
- Georgia Asbestos Removal and Encapsulation Rule, Chapter 391-3-14;
- Georgia Solid Waste Rule, Chapter 391-3-4-.04; and the
- Georgia Air Quality Control Rule, Chapter 391-3-1.

The EPD Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Program is responsible for enforcing Georgia’s Asbestos Rule requirements, including:
- reviewing project notifications and inspection and compliance of said projects;
- licensing the asbestos removal company and their Primary Agent;
- conducting outreach and education; and
- developing technical guidance.
Visit epd.georgia.gov/existing-rules-and-corresponding-laws for more information.

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Asbestos Disposal Requirements
All ACM waste is regulated whether friable or non-friable and must be:
1. Packaged properly in leak-tight containers.
2. Labeled as containing ACM prior to transport.
3. Transported in an enclosed vehicle.
4. Accompanied by a manifest during transport.
5. Disposed of in a landfill permitted to accept ACM waste.

Disposal rules apply to any quantity of ACM.

Training and Licensing
Everyone involved in an asbestos removal project must be trained per Federal requirements. The asbestos removal company must be licensed in Georgia and must assign a Primary Agent (project supervisor).

How Do I Submit Notifications or Apply for a License?
You must create a Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) account to access and submit the online forms. Visit:
- geos.epd.georgia.gov/ga/geos/public
For a step-by-step account creation guide, visit:
- epd.georgia.gov/asbestos

Disclaimer
If you or your firm perform renovation or repair work, including asbestos removal, on target housing (built before 1978) or child-occupied facilities (schools, daycare centers, etc. built before 1978), then you and your firm are required to become a GA-Certified RRP Firm & Renovator to “advertise to, agree to or perform” work or services on these types of facilities. Refer to Georgia’s Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule for more detail.