

Asbestos in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber that has been used commonly in a variety of building construction materials for insulation and as a fire-retardant. EPA and the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\)](#) have banned several asbestos products. Manufacturers have also voluntarily limited uses of asbestos. Today, asbestos is most commonly found in older homes, in pipe and furnace insulation materials, asbestos shingles, millboard, textured paints and other coating materials, and floor tiles.

Vermiculite (a naturally occurring mineral that may contain asbestos)

- [Consumer Awareness Campaign Launched on Vermiculite Insulation](#) - 2003 EPA Press Release
 - [Asbestos Contamination in Vermiculite](#) - Fact Sheets & Reports
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Training and Accreditation

- [Asbestos Training Providers in Region 10](#)
 - [AHERA Accredited Training Providers on the EPA HQ Directory](#)
 - [Model AHERA Courses](#) [EXIT Disclaimer](#) - Search the National Technical Information Service(NTIS) for courses
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Region 10: Cleanup Sites with Asbestos Present

- [Commencement Bay, Near Shore/Tide Flats](#)
 - [Bunker Hill Mining & Metallurgical](#)
 - [North Ridge Estates](#)
 - [Northwest Vermiculite](#)
 - [Swift Creek](#)
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Asbestos and Your Health

- [Preventing Asbestos Exposure Among Brake and Clutch Repair Workers](#) (April, 2007)
 - [Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry \(ATSDR\)](#)
 - [Impacts of Asbestos in Your Water \(consumer fact sheet\)](#)
 - [Integrated Risk Information System \(IRIS\)](#)
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Regional Information

[Asbestos in Schools](#)

[Asbestos in Demolition and Renovation](#)

[Contacts and Hotlines](#)

National Information

[National EPA Asbestos and Vermiculite Homepage](#)

[An Introduction to Indoor Air Quality-- Asbestos](#)

[Chemical data and references from Envirofacts](#)

[Asbestos in Your Home](#)

[Asbestos in Schools](#)

[Asbestos en las Escuelas](#)

[Hotline & Resources](#)

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Hotline

For technical questions related to the programs authorized by TSCA.

E-mail: tsca-hotline@epa.gov
Hours of Service: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EST) M - F
Telephone: 202-554-1404
TDD: 202-554-0551
Fax: 202-554-5603 (Fax available 24 hours a day)

Videos and Publications

- [Public Environmental Resource Center \(PERC\)](#)
[Publications](#) / [Videos](#)
 - [Commonly Requested Asbestos Documents](#)
 - [2004 Asbestos Newsletter \(PDF\)](#) (4pp, 805K, [About PDF](#))
 - [Primer on Asbestos in Schools](#)
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Asbestos in the Home

- [List of Suspect Asbestos-Containing Building Materials](#)
- [Consumer Product Safety Commission Warns About Asbestos in Consumer Products](#) - October 2004
- [Environmental Hazards in the Home](#)
[EXIT Disclaimer](#)
- [Vermiculite Attic Insulation](#)

Enforcement

- [Administrative Law Judge Decisions Regarding EPA Enforcement Cases](#)
 - [EPA's Compliance and Enforcement Assurance Office](#)
 - [Online Targeting Information System \(OTIS\) for Registered States and Federal Agencies](#)
 - [Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects \(SEPs\)](#)
 - [Resources for Small Businesses](#)
 - [Report Environmental Violations](#)
 - [Self-Disclosure Policy](#)
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Sampling and Analysis

- [Analysing Asbestos in Bulk Samples](#) (research paper)
- [EPA Approved Analysis Laboratories](#)
- [PLM Bulk Sample Analysis](#)
- [TEM Analysis for Air Clearance](#)
- [Envirofacts](#)