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**ASBESTOS REMOVAL
DEQ Requirements
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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has some new requirements regarding asbestos removal. Now an inspection (survey) must be performed BEFORE any demolition or renovation activities begin to determine the presence of asbestos-containing materials. A survey must be performed by an accredited inspector. If there is asbestos-containing material, various options are available.

What is a demolition or renovation project?

DEQ defines a demolition as “wrecking that involves the removal of load-supporting members and/or intentional burning.” Renovation is defined as “altering in any way one or more facility components that does not involve removing a load-supporting member.”

We encourage you to contact DEQ for additional information as these requirements effect both commercial and residential buildings. Various fact sheets and advisories are available, as well as a list of consultants and abatement contractors. These can be obtained from the DEQ regional office in Salem – 1-800-349-7677. Information is also available on their web site at www.deq.state.or.us. Our office also has various fact sheets and guidelines available.