



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for General Contractors

1. We found abandoned asbestos-cement pipe and would like to know if we can crush it and backfill it or pump grout into the buried lines?

- Crushing asbestos-cement pipe or otherwise known Category II nonfriable ACM would cause the material to become Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material (RACM), subject to sections [61.145](#) and [61.150](#) of EPA's Title 40 U.S. Code of Federal Regulation (CFR).
- Backfilling and burying crushed asbestos-cement pipe in place would designate these locations as active disposal sites under section [61.154](#). If no further asbestos waste is buried within a year, the site transitions into inactive status, subject to [61.151\(e\)](#) and [61.154\(h\)](#).
- If the pipe is not crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder, it is not subject to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant (NESHAP) regulations.
- Pumping grout into buried lines does not cause the pipe to become RACM.

2. Who can remove an asbestos roof?

- If a contractor will be cutting, abrading, sanding, or grinding 5850 square feet or more of roofing material, the work must be performed by a licensed asbestos contractor.

3. Who can remove asbestos containing material (ACM) from a single-family residence?

- Non-friable ACM can be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor, a non-licensed contractor, or the homeowner.
- If the ACM will be made friable or is already friable (materials that can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure), it must be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor.

4. Where can I take asbestos containing material after it has been removed?

- Non-friable ACM can be disposed of at landfills that accept this type of waste.
- Homeowners and/or their certified asbestos contractors must adhere to proper disposal requirements, which are the same for commercial contractors.
- It is crucial to contact Landfill operators prior to disposal, as they are required to handle asbestos wastes separately. Some landfills may not accept any asbestos-containing materials for disposal.

5. When should the homeowner notify about a demolition of a house?

- Notification is required if the house was used for commercial purposes, contains more than four apartment units, the demolition includes two homes, or the home is being demolished for a commercial building or highway/road construction.