



## **Frequently asked questions for Real Estate Professionals**

### **1. How can I tell if there is asbestos in the home?**

The homeowner can take a sample or they can hire a consultant to conduct a survey and take samples of the materials to a laboratory for analysis. Here is a link for a certified asbestos lab at <http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/scopes/programs.htm>

A list of consultants can be found at the Maryland Department of the Environment Asbestos Home page.

### **Does the asbestos need to be removed?**

Asbestos should be removed if the asbestos containing material is more than slightly damaged or if you are going to make changes in your home that might disturb it.

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

Non-friable asbestos containing material can be removed from a single-family residence 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) then it should be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor.

A list of licensed asbestos contractors in Maryland can be found at the Maryland Department of the Environment website. The link can be found on the Asbestos Home Page.

### **3. Where can I find a list of licensed asbestos contractor in the Maryland?**

A list of asbestos contractors licensed by the Maryland Department of the Environment can be found on the MDE website.

### **4. Do I need to tell potential home buyers there is asbestos in the home?**

No.

