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Asbestos Inspection and Sampling

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral which has been used for hundreds of years and in thousands of products. Asbestos has various properties which make it ideal for the use in many different products: it is plentiful; readily available; low in cost; does not burn; strong; conducts heat and electricity poorly; and is impervious to chemical corrosion.

Asbestos can still be found in many products purchased by consumers every day. Some of the more common asbestos containing materials (ACM) are floor tile, ceiling tile, pipe insulation, fire proofing material, siding and roofing shingles, and plaster.

There are many diseases associated with the inhalation of asbestos, as fibers accumulate in the lungs. As exposure increases, the risk of disease also increases. People affected by asbestos experience coughing and difficulty breathing. This can lead to diagnosis of asbestosis, lung cancer or mesothelioma.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) requires that an asbestos inspection be conducted by a DHS Certified Asbestos Inspector prior to demolition or renovation projects. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources also requires an asbestos inspection prior to any demolition or renovation projects. Building materials that contain asbestos may have to be removed before demolition or renovation activities and are subject to specific waste management regulations.

Bay Environmental Strategies, Inc. (BAY) is a registered asbestos company and employs certified inspectors under the DHS Wisconsin Administrative Code ch. DHS 159.

BAY's services include the following:

- Visual Assessments
- Pre-Demolition Asbestos Inspection
- Pre-Renovation Asbestos Inspection
- Suspect Material Sampling

If you have any concerns regarding the potential risk of asbestos hazards for a property that you are currently renovating, renting, purchasing, selling or currently own, BAY can assist in identifying any hazards that may be present.







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