

Sampling and Submitting Bulk Samples for Asbestos Analysis

When taking samples of bulk materials for the purpose of asbestos analysis, there are certain precautions that should be taken by the sampler in order to avoid unnecessary exposure to fibers that may prove to be asbestos. The following is the EPA recommended procedure for the safe handling of potentially hazardous bulk samples:

- Material should be sampled when areas are not in use or not occupied, if possible.
- If multiple samples are to be taken, wear a NIOSH approved respirator. If only a single sample is to be collected and a respirator is not available, avoid creating or breathing dust by using very careful sampling practices.
- **Preferably use a small "zip-lock" bag** to contain the sample. The container should be clean and dry.
- Using the "zip-lock" bag, the sample can be taken by using a clean knife to cut out a **small piece of material about 2 square inches or 2 tablespoons**. Be sure to penetrate any paint or protective coating and to sample all layers of the material.
- Tightly close the sample bag and wipe the exterior with a damp cloth to remove any material which may have adhered to it during sampling.
- Label the sample bag identifying the structure, the date the sample was taken, the specific location of the sample in the room or structure, and who took the sample.
- Enclose all samples in a large "zip-lock" bag along with an itemized list of the samples. Deliver by mail or by hand along with the CHAIN OF CUSTODY Form along with payment and your contact information.

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR DROP-OFFS
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Please print all information legibly.

Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Site Address: _____
(If different)

Results By: Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Fax / Email: _____
(You will receive a prepared report within approximately 10 business days)

ASBESTOS SAMPLE TYPE: (\$35.00ea)

CEILING MATERIALS

- ___ Drop (Lay-In)
- ___ Plaster
- ___ Popcorn
- ___ Spline
- ___ Glue Dots
- ___ Misc. _____

FLOOR MATERIALS

- ___ 9 X 9 Floor Tile
- ___ 12 X 12 Floor Tile
- ___ Linoleum
- ___ Ceramic Tile
- ___ Base Cove
- ___ Misc. _____

INSULATION MATERIALS

- ___ Pipe
- ___ Vermiculite
- ___ Door Interior
- ___ Boiler Wrap
- ___ Attic (Fiberglass)
- ___ Misc. _____

ROOFING MATERIALS

- ___ Shingles
- ___ Tar Paper
- ___ Flashing
- ___ Misc. _____

BUILDING MATERIALS

- ___ Drywall
- ___ Stucco
- ___ Plaster Wall
- ___ Transite Panel
- ___ Transite Siding
- ___ Concrete
- ___ Soil
- ___ Misc. _____

JOINTS / COMPOUNDS / ADHESIVES

- ___ Leveling Compound
- ___ Boiler Caulk
- ___ Window Caulk
- ___ Joint Compound
- ___ Gaskets
- ___ Mortar
- ___ Mastic
- ___ Misc. _____

LEAD SAMPLE TYPE: (\$25.00ea)

- ___ Soil
- ___ Paint Chips
- ___ Dust Wipes (1 Sq. Ft)

MOLD SAMPLE TYPE:

- ___ Fungal swab for identification (7-10 Days) 80.00ea
- ___ Air-O-Cell Cassettes 65.00ea
- ___ Tape Lifts 60.00ea

SAMPLE COLLECTED FROM (i.e. bathroom, kitchen, building #, etc.): _____

TURNAROUND: Standard 24 HR or as noted

Relinquished By: _____ Date: _____
(PLEASE SIGN)

Received By: _____ Date: _____

Analyzed By: _____ Date: _____