

# **Asbestos: Removing Wallboard Containing Asbestos**

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Program: Asbestos

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When removing asbestos containing wallboard, you may be exposed to asbestos fibers. Follow these hazard controls:

1. Take ES&H Course 151 Class II Asbestos Worker within the last 12 months.
2. Contact the asbestos program manager (ext. 4105) to coordinate waste management and oversee work.
3. Ensure the assigned asbestos supervisor is present during the work and that appropriate air samples are taken.
4. Do not perform more than 1 hour of wall board removal per day or 1 waste bag.
5. Do not use power tools.
6. Wear gloves.
7. Clean up wet dust with a wet paper towel.
8. Use spray bottle or Hudson sprayer with soapy water to wet before, during, and after removing wall board.
9. Remove wall board in large pieces where possible.
10. Do not break up wall board unnecessarily.
11. Use a single 2 mil poly waste bag and do not fill bag more than 50 percent full.
12. If waste is too large to fit into a waste bag, burrito wrap the waste.
13. Turn waste in to Waste Management.