

ASBESTOS SAMPLING GUIDE
HOMEOWNERS PROCEDURE FOR ASBESTOS
SAMPLE COLLECTION

Homeowner collection of asbestos samples is not recommended. However, no law prohibits this practice. Contact our office if you wish to have a State of Michigan accredited asbestos building inspector collect your samples or perform a comprehensive asbestos building inspection. Persons sampling asbestos-containing materials should have as much information as possible on the safe handling of asbestos before sampling. At a minimum, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Wear disposable gloves or wash your hands after sampling.
2. Shut down any heating, ventilating air conditioning systems to prevent the spread of any released fibers.
3. Do not disturb the material any more than is needed to take a sample. Do not release asbestos fibers into the air or onto yourself.
4. Place a plastic sheet on the floor below the area to be sampled.
5. Wet the material using a fine mist of water before taking the sample. The water mist will limit the release of asbestos fibers.
6. Carefully cut a piece of the material (ensuring the full thickness of the insulation is represented) using, for example, a small knife, corer, or other sharp object.
7. Place the material into a clean container (for example, a 35 mm film canister, or high quality re-sealable plastic bag).
8. Seal the container after the sample is in it. Each sample must be submitted in its own separate container.
9. Use a damp paper towel to clean up any material on the outside of the container or around the sample site.
10. Dispose of the plastic sheet and towel.
11. Label the container with an identification number and clearly state the precise location of the sample.
12. Patch the sampled area with caulk, spackle or other repair material, to prevent fiber release.
13. Complete a Chain of Custody form which may be downloaded from:
http://www.fibertec.us/chain_of_custody.pdf
14. Send the Chain of Custody form, A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, and the SAMPLE to Fibertec IHS for analysis.

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