

City of Chiloquin, Oregon

Brownfield Program

Business Oregon Funded Debris Pile Removal

Former Chiloquin Mercantile Building



Chiloquin has been awarded a Business Oregon Brownfield Program grant to remove the debris pile created by the collapse of the former **Chiloquin Mercantile Building**. Testing of various materials in the pile determined that drywall fragments interspersed throughout the pile contain asbestos. Due to the nature of the debris pile, this material is not easily segregated from the pile, therefore the entire pile must be managed and disposed of as asbestos-containing material (ACM). As such this project is subject to asbestos management and abatement regulation.

About Asbestos:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) regulates the handling, removal and disposal of ACM to protect public health and the environment. Asbestos is a natural occurring mineral that has been used extensively in a variety of construction materials in the U.S. When asbestos-containing material is disturbed, tiny hazardous fibers can be released into the air and may cause lung cancer and other illnesses if not properly managed.



Debris Pile Removal:

The city will hire a licensed contractor to:

- Prepare project execution plans for DEQ information.
- Prepare regulatory notice, permitting, and compliance documentation.
- Remove, containerize, transport, and dispose of the debris pile.
- Confirm material removal and restore site conditions.

Activities:

- A safe working zone will be established.
Note that work may temporarily impact local traffic.
- Water will be sprayed on the debris pile material to minimize any releases to the air as the material is loaded into large dump trucks.
- Trucks will be lined with plastic and the material encapsulated for secure transport to an appropriately licensed disposal facility.
- Impacts to the site such as vegetation disturbance or shallow depressions created by the work will be restored.

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