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CITY OF PORTLAND

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

PERMIT

Permit Number: 090432

Please Read Application And Notes. If Any, Attached

I hereby certify that Steven Fowler-Greaves/Fowler-Greaves is the

holder of this permission to Demo Roof & 3rd floor Walls ONLY

located at 35 MAYO ST CB# 022 1019001

Provided that the person or persons, firm or corporation accepting this permit shall comply with all of the provisions of the Statutes of Maine and of the Ordinances of the City of Portland regulating the construction, maintenance and use of buildings and structures, and of the application on file in this department.

Apply to Public Works for street line and grade if nature of work requires such information.

Notification of inspection must be given and written permission procured before this building or part thereof is altered or otherwise occupied-in. 24 HOUR NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

A certificate of occupancy must be procured by owner before this building or part thereof is occupied.

OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS

Fire Dept. _____

Health Dept. _____

Appeal Board _____

Other _____

Department Name

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Director - Building & Inspection Services

PENALTY FOR REMOVING THIS CARD

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City of Portland, Maine - Building or Use Permit Application

389 Congress Street, 04101 Tel: (207) 874-8703, Fax: (207) 874-8716

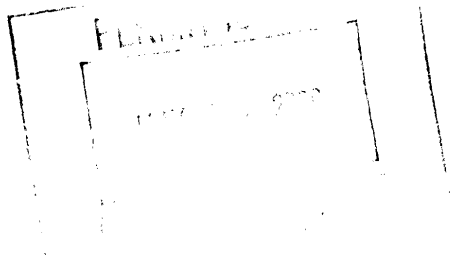
Permit No: 09-0432	Issue Date: 5/18/09	CBL: 022 1019001
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Location of Construction: 35 MAYO ST	Owner Name: Steven Fowler- Greaves	Owner Address: 661 Allen Ave	Phone: 207-314-6469
Business Name:	Contractor Name: Fowler & Greaves Construction	Contractor Address: 661 Allen Ave Portland	Phone: 2073146469
Lessee/Buyer's Name	Phone:	Permit Type: Demolitions - Building	Zone: R-6

Past Use: 3 Unit Residential <i>legal use - 3 d.u.</i>	Proposed Use: 3 Unit Residential - Demo Roof & 3rd floor Walls ONLY - <i>interior</i>	Permit Fee: \$150.00	Cost of Work: \$3,000.00	CEO District: 1
Proposed Project Description: Demo Roof & 3rd floor Walls ONLY - <i>interior</i>		FIRE DEPT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	INSPECTION: Use Group: <i>R-2</i> Type: <i>5B</i> <i>IBC - 2003</i> <i>Demo only</i>	
		Signature: <i>CSH For Tommy M...</i>	Signature: <i>CL 5/18/09</i>	
PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITIES DISTRICT (P.A.D.)				
Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Denied				
Signature: _____ Date: _____				

Permit Taken By: Ldobson	Date Applied For: 05/07/2009	Zoning Approval		
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<p>1. This permit application does not preclude the Applicant(s) from meeting applicable State and Federal Rules.</p> <p>2. Building permits do not include plumbing, septic or electrical work.</p> <p>3. Building permits are void if work is not started within six (6) months of the date of issuance. False information may invalidate a building permit and stop all work..</p>	<p>Special Zone or Reviews</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shoreland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flood Zone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan</p> <p>Maj <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> MM <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>OK w/conditions ABU</i> Date: 5/19/09</p>	<p>Zoning Appeal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Variance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Denied</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in District or Landmark</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Require Review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Requires Review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Conditions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Denied</p> <p><i>ABU</i> Date: _____</p>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the owner of record of the named property, or that the proposed work is authorized by the owner of record and that I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his authorized agent and I agree to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in the application is issued, I certify that the code official's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by such permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provision of the code(s) applicable to such permit.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DATE	PHONE
RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN CHARGE OF WORK, TITLE		DATE	PHONE

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Proposed Use: 3 Unit Residential - Demo Roof & 3rd floor Walls ONLY - interior	Proposed Project Description: Demo Roof & 3rd floor Walls ONLY - interior
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Dept: Zoning **Status:** Approved with Conditions **Reviewer:** Ann Machado **Approval Date:** 05/14/2009

Note: **Ok to Issue:**

- 1) This permit is for demolition only. A separate permit will have to be applied for for any construction that takes place.
- 2) This property shall remain a three family dwelling. Any change of use shall require a separate permit application for review and approval.

Dept: Building **Status:** Approved with Conditions **Reviewer:** Chris Hanson **Approval Date:** 05/18/2009

Note: **Ok to Issue:**

- 1) The site must be secured,protected from further water damage and debris picked up.
- 2) Demolition permit only. No other construction activities allowed.
- 3) Separate permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, sprinkler, fire alarm or HVAC or exhaust systems. Separate plans may need to be submitted for approval as a part of this process.
- 4) Application approval based upon information provided by applicant. Any deviation from approved plans requires separate review and approval prior to work.

Comments:

5/14/2009-amachado: Left vcm for Steve Fowler Greaves. Have some questions about what he wants to rebuild. It also says third floor walls. Is that interior or exterior? Steve called me back. He will have plans of what existed when he applies to rebuild. Other than the roof the demolition is interior.

5/14/2009-amachado: Gave permit to Lannie to schedule predemolition inspection.



Demolition of a Structure Permit Application

If you or the property owner owes real estate or personal property taxes or user charges on any property within the City, payment arrangements must be made before permits of any kind are accepted.

Location/Address of Construction: <u>35 Mayo St Portland ME 04103</u>		
Total Square Footage of Proposed Structure		Square Footage of Lot:
Tax Assessor's Chart, Block & Lot: Chart# <u>22</u> Block# <u>I</u> Lot# <u>19</u>		Owner: <u>Steve Fowler Greaves</u> Telephone: <u>314-6469</u>
Lessee/Buyer's Name (If Applicable)	Applicant name, address & telephone: <u>Steve Fowler Greaves</u> <u>661 1/2 Allen Ave Portland</u> <u>ME 04103</u>	Cost Of Work: \$ <u>3000.00</u> Fee: \$ <u>50</u>
Current legal use: (i.e. garage, warehouse) _____ If vacant, what was the previous use? _____ How long has it been vacant? <u>?</u> Project description: <u>3rd floor only</u> <u>to remove roof & walls to be demolished to new plans to be submitted</u> <u>Letter Date - 5.16</u>		
Contractor's name, address & telephone: <u>Steve Fowler Greaves</u> <u>661 1/2 Allen Ave Portland ME 04103</u> Who should we contact when the permit is ready: <u>Steve Fowler Greaves</u> Mailing address: _____ Telephone: <u>207-314-6469</u>		

Please submit all of the information outlined in the Demolition call list. Failure to do so will result in the automatic denial of your permit.

In order to be sure the City fully understands the full scope of the project, the Planning and Development Department may request additional information prior to the issuance of a permit. For further information or to download copies of this form and other applications visit the Inspections Division on-line at www.portlandmaine.gov, or stop by the Inspections Division office, room 315 City Hall or call 874-8703.

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Signature of applicant:	Date: <u>5-6-09</u>
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This is not a permit; you may not commence ANY work until the permit is issued.



Demolition Call List & Requirements

Site Address: 35 Mayo

Owner: Steve Fowler Grews

Structure Type: House

Contractor: Fowler Grews

Utility Approvals	Number	Contact Name/Date
Central Maine Power	1-800-750-4000	<u>may 30</u> <u>meton 2007 power</u>
Northern Utilities	797-8002 ext 6241 <u>541-2533</u>	<u>Barbara Barbara</u>
Portland Water District	761-8310	<u>Gordon</u>
Dig Safe	1-888-344-7233	<u>2009/908025</u>

After calling Dig Safe, you must wait 72 business hours before digging can begin.

DPW/ Traffic Division (L. Cote)	874-8891	<u>Sine</u>
DPW/ Sealed Drain Permit (C. Merritt)	874-8822	<u>Sine C. Merritt</u>
Historic Preservation	874-8726	<u>Sine</u>
Fire Dispatcher	874-8576	<u>Lince</u>
DEP – Environmental (Augusta)	287-2651	<u>Sine</u> <u>Sandy. moody</u> <u>5-7-09</u>

Additional Requirements

- 1) Written notice to adjoining owners
- 2) A photo of the structure(s) to be demolished
- 3) A plot plan or site plan of the property
- 4) Certification from an asbestos abatement company

All construction and demolition debris generated in Portland must be delivered to Riverside Recycling Facility at 910 Riverside Street. Source separated salvage materials placed in specifically designated containers are exempt from this provision. For more information contact Troy Moon @ 874-8467.

U.S. EPA Region 1 – No Phone call required. Just mail copy of State notification to:

Demo / Reno Clerk
US EPA Region I (SEA)
JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203

I have contacted all of the necessary companies/departments as indicated above and attached all required documentation.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 5-6-09

For more information or to download this form and other permit applications visit the Inspections Division on our website at www.portlandmaine.gov

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

3-20-09

4/1/09 Effective Date
Effective Date is defined in Paragraph 24 of this Agreement.

1. PARTIES: This Agreement is made between Steven Fowler-CeBeaves ("Buyer") and ("Seller").

2. DESCRIPTION: Subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, Seller agrees to sell and Buyer agrees to buy (X) all part of; If "part of" see para. 26 for explanation) the property situated in municipality of Portland, County of Cumberland, State of Maine, located at 35 Mayo St and described in deed(s) recorded at said County's Registry of Deeds Book(s) 16819, Page(s) 131.

3. FIXTURES: The Buyer and Seller agree that all fixtures, including but not limited to existing storm and screen windows, shades and/or blinds, shutters, curtain rods, built-in appliances, heating sources/systems including gas and/or kerosene-fired heaters and wood stoves, sump pump and electrical fixtures are included with the sale except for the following:

Seller represents that all mechanical components of fixtures will be operational at the time of closing except:

4. PERSONAL PROPERTY: The following items of personal property as viewed on 3-15-09 are included with the sale at no additional cost, in "as is" condition with no warranties:

5. PURCHASE PRICE: For such Deed and conveyance Buyer agrees to pay the total purchase price of \$ 25,000. Buyer (X) has delivered; or () will deliver to the Agency within 18,000 days of the date of this offer, a deposit of earnest money in the amount of \$ 1,800. If said deposit is to be delivered after the submission of this offer and is not delivered by the above deadline, this offer shall be void and any attempted acceptance of this offer in reliance on the deposit being delivered will not result in a binding contract. Buyer agrees that an additional deposit of earnest money in the amount of \$ will be delivered. Failure by Buyer to deliver this additional deposit in compliance with the above terms shall constitute a default under this Agreement. The remainder of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified or cashier's check upon delivery of the Deed.

This Purchase and Sale Agreement is subject to the following conditions:

6. EARNEST MONEY/ACCEPTANCE: Caldwell Bankers Inc Brokerage ("Agency") shall hold said earnest money and act as escrow agent until closing; this offer shall be valid until 3-22-09 (date) 5:00 AM PM; and, in the event of non-acceptance, this earnest money shall be returned promptly to Buyer. In the event that the Agency is made a party to any lawsuit by virtue of acting as escrow agent, Agency shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs which shall be assessed as court costs in favor of the prevailing party.

7. TITLE AND CLOSING: A deed, conveying good and merchantable title in accordance with the Standards of Title adopted by the Maine Bar Association shall be delivered to Buyer and this transaction shall be closed and Buyer shall pay the balance due and execute all necessary papers on 30 Days from Acceptance (closing date) or before, if agreed in writing by both parties. If Seller is unable to convey in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, then Seller shall have a reasonable time period, not to exceed 30 calendar days, from the time Seller is notified of the defect, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both Buyer and Seller, to remedy the title. Seller hereby agrees to make a good-faith effort to cure any title defect during such period. If, at the later of the closing date set forth above or the expiration of such reasonable time period, Seller is unable to remedy the title, Buyer may close and accept the deed with the title defect or this Agreement shall become null and void in which case the parties shall be relieved of any further obligations hereunder and any earnest money shall be returned to the Buyer.

8. DEED: The property shall be conveyed by a Warranty deed, and shall be free and clear of all encumbrances except covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record which do not materially and adversely affect the continued current use of the property.

9. POSSESSION, OCCUPANCY, AND CONDITION: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, possession and occupancy of premises, free of tenants and occupants, shall be given to Buyer immediately at closing. Said premises shall then be broom clean, free of all possessions and debris, and in substantially the same condition as at present, excepting reasonable use and wear. Buyer shall have the right to view the property within 24 hours prior to closing.

ADDITIONS:

Copy of this Agreement is to be received by all parties and, by signature, receipt of a copy is hereby acknowledged. If not fully understood, contact an attorney. This is a Maine contract and shall be construed according to the laws of Maine.

Seller acknowledges that State of Maine law requires buyers of property owned by non-resident sellers to withhold a prepayment of capital gains tax unless a waiver has been obtained by Seller from the State of Maine Revenue Services.

Buyer acknowledges that Maine law requires continuing interest in the property and any back up offers to be communicated by the listing agent to the Seller.

Buyer's Mailing address is 661 Allen Ave Portland Me 04103

[Signature] BUYER _____ DATE _____ BUYER _____ DATE _____

Seller accepts the offer and agrees to deliver the above-described property at the price and upon the terms and conditions set forth and agrees to pay agency a commission for services as specified in the listing agreement.

Seller's Mailing address is _____

SELLER _____ DATE _____ SELLER _____ DATE _____

COUNTER-OFFER

Seller agrees to sell on the terms and conditions as detailed herein with the following changes and/or conditions:

Counter offer 25,000

The parties acknowledge that until signed by Buyer, Seller's signature constitutes only an offer to sell on the above terms and the offer will expire unless accepted by Buyer's signature with communication of such signature to Seller by (date) _____

(time) _____ AM _____ PM _____

[Signature] SELLER _____ DATE 4/1/09 SELLER _____ DATE _____

The Buyer hereby accepts the counter offer set forth above.

[Signature] BUYER _____ DATE _____ BUYER _____ DATE _____

EXTENSION

The time for the performance of this Agreement is extended until _____ DATE _____

BUYER _____ DATE _____ SELLER _____ DATE _____

BUYER _____ DATE _____ SELLER _____ DATE _____



FOR MORTGAGE LENDER USE ONLY

GENERAL NOTES: (1) DISTANCES SHOWN ARE TAKEN FROM PROVIDED TITLE REFERENCES SHOWN BELOW. (2) THE PURPOSE OF THIS INSPECTION IS TO RENDER AN OPINION AS FOLLOWS: A) DWELLING AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE'S COMPLIANCE WITH RESPECT TO MUNICIPAL ZONING SETBACKS, AND B) FLOOD ZONE DETERMINATION BY HORIZONTAL SCALING ON BELOW REFERENCED FEMA MAP. (3) THIS INSPECTION EXCEPTS OUT ALL TECHNICAL STANDARDS CURRENTLY SET FORTH BY STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS. (4) THIS INSPECTION IS TO BE USED ONLY BY THE BELOW LISTED LENDER, TITLE ATTORNEY & TITLE INSURER AND IS NOT TO BE USED BY ANOTHER PARTY FOR BOUNDARY LINE LOCATIONS OR LAND TITLE OPINIONS. (5) A BOUNDARY SURVEY SHOULD BE PERFORMED TO RENDER A PROFESSIONAL OPINION PERTAINING TO BOUNDARY LINE LOCATIONS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, ENCUMBRANCES, ENCROACHMENTS, AND/OR CONFLICTS WITH ABUTTER'S DEEDS.

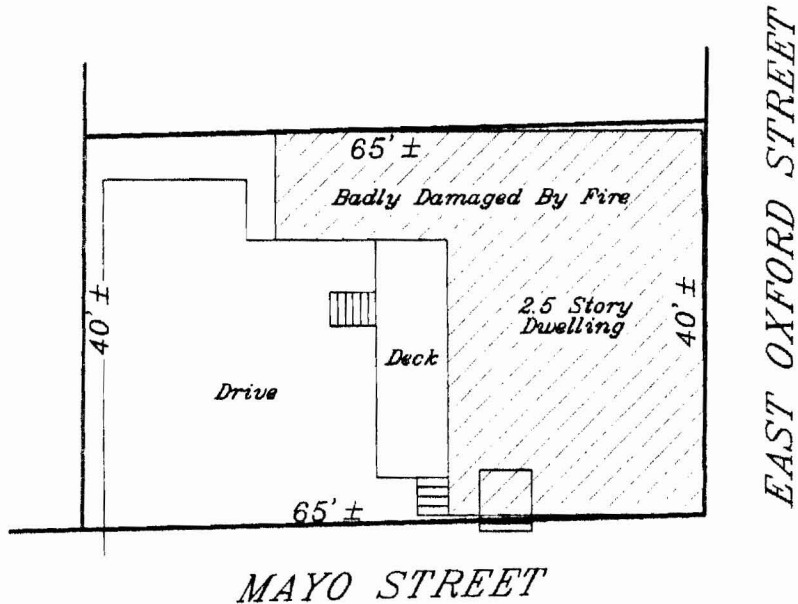
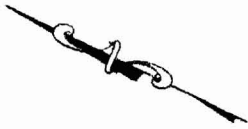
REV. 09/19/07

THIS SKETCH IS NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES, IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE.

ADDRESS: 35 Mayo Street
Portland, Maine

INSP. DATE: 04/06/2009

SCALE: 1" = 20'



JDN

SEE PROVIDED TITLE REFERENCES FOR APPURTENANCES, IF ANY.

APPLICANT: Fowler-Greaves FILE#: 20921871
 OWNER: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. CLIENT#: ACT21666
 LENDER: _____
 REQ. PARTY: Atlantic Coast Title Company
 ATTORNEY: _____

James D. Nadeau, LLC
Professional Land Surveyors

TITLE REFERENCES: COUNTY: Cumberland
 DEED BOOK: 21918 PAGE: 31
 PLAN BOOK: _____ PAGE: _____ LOT: _____

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE:
 MAP: 22 BLOCK: I LOT: 19

THE DWELLING DOES NOT FALL WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD ZONE PER FEMA COMMUNITY MAP No. 230051 PANEL: 0013B
 ZONE: C DATE: 12/8/1998

THE DWELLING WAS XXXX IN COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL ZONING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.

James D. Nadeau
4-7-09

318 BRIGHTON AVE. PH.(207)878-7870
 PORTLAND, ME. 04102 F.(207)878-7871
 THIS INSPECTION IS VALID ONLY WITH AN
 EMBOSSED SEAL AND IS NULL & VOID
 90 DAYS AFTER INSPECTION DATE.

New Owner at 35 Mayo St.

May 6, 2009

Dear Homeowner:

This letter is to inform you that we are going to be remodeling at 35 Mayo St. We will be putting a new roof , windows and siding on the house.

I am looking forward to being your neighbor and upgrading the value of the surrounding area by remodeling and improving the condition of this structure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 314-6469.

Sincerely,

Steve



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From: Moody, Sandy J <Sandy.J.Moody@maine.gov>

To: fowlergreavesconst@maine.rr.com

Cc:

Subject: letter from DEP

Priority: Normal **Date:** Thursday, May 7, 2009 11:28 AM **Size:** 11 KB

Steve,

Steve Fowler, owner of 3 unit apartment building located at 35 Mayo St., Portland, Maine

Steve has spoken with myself, Sandy Moody at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection concerning the demo/renovation work with the above mentioned property which has had recent fire damage.

Accordingly, Steve has stated the roofing material is non-asbestos containing, therefore our Asbestos Management Regulations Chapter 425 do not apply.

The building is less then the minimum requirement for a certified asbestos inspector to survey the property.

"Prior to demolition, building owners must determine if there is any asbestos-containing material(s) (ACM) in the building. An "asbestos inspection" by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant is required for all buildings except single-family homes and residential buildings with 2-4 units built after 1980. In lieu of an asbestos inspection, pre-1981 residential buildings with 2-4 units can be surveyed to identify possible ACM by someone knowledgeable about ACM, such as a code enforcement officer or building inspector. If materials that may contain asbestos are found, then you can either assume they are ACM or hire a DEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant to test the materials."

Any further questions may be directed to Sandy Moody, Maine DEP at 287-7751

Sandy Moody, Maine DEP
Sandy.j.moody@maine.gov

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ASBESTOS BUILDING DEMOLITION NOTIFICATION

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Lead & Asbestos Hazard Prevention Program
17 State House Station, Augusta Maine 04333



Maine law requires the filing of the ASBESTOS BUILDING DEMOLITION NOTIFICATION with the Department prior to demolition of any building except a single-family home.

Building owners are required to provide this notification of the demolition of a building to the DEP at least 5 working days prior to the demolition. This notification is not required before the demolition of a single-family residence or related structure (e.g., garage, shed, barn). It is also not required if previous notification of the demolition has been provided to the DEP as part of an asbestos abatement project notification. *Demolition* means the tearing down or intentional burning of a building or part of a building.

Prior to demolition, building owners must determine if there is any asbestos-containing material(s) (ACM) in the building. An "asbestos inspection" by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant is required for all buildings except single-family homes and residential buildings with 2-4 units built after 1980. In lieu of an asbestos inspection, pre-1981 residential buildings with 2-4 units can be surveyed to identify possible ACM by someone knowledgeable about ACM, such as a code enforcement officer or building inspector. If materials that may contain asbestos are found, then you can either assume they are ACM or hire a DEP-licensed Asbestos Consultant to test the materials.

Whenever more than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of ACM is identified, the ACM must be abated in accordance with the Maine Asbestos Management Regulations by a DEP-licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor. This includes materials presumed to be ACM. Check www.maine.gov for a listing of asbestos contractors.

Prior to issuing a local demolition permit, the DEP requests that municipalities have applicants for municipal demolition permits complete this form and fax it to the DEP at 207-287-7826. Municipalities should not issue local demolition permits if the required asbestos inspection or survey has not been performed and identified ACM removed.

Were regulated asbestos-containing building materials found? yes no

property address: <i>35 Mayo St Portland</i>	building description: <input type="checkbox"/> pre-1981 residential with 2-4 units <input type="checkbox"/> post-1980 residential with 2-4 units <input type="checkbox"/> other.
asbestos survey/inspection performed by: (name & address) <i>N/A</i>	asbestos abatement contractor <i>Steve Fowler Grews</i>
telephone: <i>N/A</i>	telephone:
property owner: (name & address) <i>Steve Fowler-Grews Old Allen Ave Portland</i>	demolition contractor: (name & address) <i>Fowler Grews</i>
telephone:	telephone: <i>314-6469</i>
demolition start date:	demolition end date:

This demolition notification does not take the place of the Asbestos Project Notification if applicable

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT		
Print Name: Owner/Agent	Title	Signature
Telephone #	FAX #	Date

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a general term for several kinds of natural mineral fibers that have been used to strengthen and fireproof materials for nearly 4,000 years. The fibers are recovered from asbestos ore mined primarily in Canada, Russia, and South Africa. In addition to being good insulators, asbestos fibers are strong, flexible, fireproof, and very resistant to chemical attack.

What products contain asbestos?

Asbestos is found in a wide variety of products. It has been used to manufacture nearly 3,500 products such as pipe insulation, boiler covering, sprayed-on acoustical plaster, vinyl floor products, rigid siding, cement pipe, gaskets, paints, paper, textiles, and friction materials like disc brakes. Buildings constructed before 1980 are very likely to contain some asbestos products.

Is asbestos a health or environmental problem?

The presence of asbestos in such a wide variety of consumer products means that most Americans have been exposed, over time, to this mineral to one degree or another.

For the vast majority of Americans who have never worked with asbestos, the exposure received in their lifetime should have no significant health effects. However, for those exposed to large amounts of asbestos for significant periods of time, there may be serious health consequences.

Prolonged high exposure to asbestos fibers has been shown to cause asbestosis (lung scarring), lung cancer, mesothelioma, and several internal cancers such as cancers of the stomach and larynx. People who have been exposed to asbestos who also smoke have a much greater chance of disease than nonsmokers.

Is all asbestos potentially dangerous?

Asbestos products are potentially dangerous if they release asbestos fibers to the air where the fibers can enter the body through the lungs.

Friable asbestos, such as pipe and boiler covering and spray-on insulation, is the asbestos of primary concern. It easily releases asbestos fibers into the air when crushed, handled or disturbed. Asbestos that is in good condition or in a form that does not easily release fibers is much less of a hazard. This means that well-maintained asbestos or asbestos tightly bound into materials like vinyl or cement is much less likely to release asbestos fibers.

What are the laws regarding asbestos?

In Maine, the asbestos regulations apply to any work that impacts greater than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet of asbestos. The Maine "Asbestos Management Regulations" require that the Department be notified prior to removal or repair of asbestos that companies performing inspection, monitoring, design, training, asbestos analysis or abatement be licensed with the Department, and that certain work practices be followed to protect employees and the public. Also, individuals working for the licensed companies must be trained and certified with the Department.

Engineering controls, such as polyethylene "containments", negative pressure ventilation, and wet methods, are basic requirements in the asbestos regulations of both the Maine DEP and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Engineering controls minimize the potential for asbestos fiber release in and out of the asbestos work area. The importance of utilizing proper engineering controls on an asbestos project can not be overemphasized.

Maximum allowable employee exposures are regulated by OSHA and personal protective equipment (suits, respirators, etc.) and hygiene standards are prescribed. Protective equipment is to be used only in conjunction with engineering controls and not as a "stand-alone" defense against inhalation of asbestos fibers.

Who regulates asbestos?

Several state and federal agencies regulate asbestos in Maine including:

- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Primary asbestos contact in Maine. Responsibilities include regulating licensing, notification, training, storage, transportation, disposal and work practices for removal, inspection, design, monitoring, and analysis of asbestos. Telephone number: 287-2651.

