## Programs & Services

### Asbestos

- There is still plenty of asbestos in our pre-1990 existing buildings. State law requires that property owners ‘survey’ materials to be disturbed during remodeling or demolition projects to determine the presence of any regulated asbestos-containing materials. Common suspect materials include vinyl floor coverings, ceiling texture, furnace ducting, etc.
- Homeowners and Contractors must notify NWCAA in writing before beginning any asbestos removal projects.
- We offer detailed guidance to assist homeowners working on homes they occupy. Contractors must be WA certified.

### Business Assistance

- The NWCAA staff is available to answer questions about air pollution regulations, control technologies, as well as permitting issues.
- Special help is available for small businesses affected by air pollution regulations.

### Communications & Outreach

- Public speaking on issues, such as indoor air quality, wood stoves and outdoor burning may be arranged. For more information visit [www.nwcleanair.org](http://www.nwcleanair.org) or call 360.428.1617.

### Complaints (Odor, Smoke, Dust)

- Nuisance regulations exist to protect the public from the impact of odor, wood smoke, dust and other air contaminants. Contact the NWCAA.

### Diesel Retrofit

- NWCAA offers funding to eligible public and private fleets to install retrofit exhaust emission and idle reduction control technologies on heavy-duty diesel vehicles and equipment throughout Island, Skagit and Whatcom counties. These retrofit devices effectively reduce toxic emissions by 50% to 95%. Additional information is available at [http://www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/dieselRetrofit.htm](http://www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/dieselRetrofit.htm).

### Indoor Air Pollution

- Our agency has a unique nationally recognized Indoor Air Quality Program that helps citizens, schools and agencies through the process of finding solutions to indoor air problems.
- Additional information is available on our website including downloadable DVDs addressing asthma, mold, and indoor air quality in schools and buildings. Visit [http://www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/indoorAir.htm](http://www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/indoorAir.htm).

### Outdoor Burning

- Information about burn ban areas and permit requirements in areas where burning is allowed is available on our website at [http://www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/burning.htm](http://www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/burning.htm).
- Only natural vegetation or firewood can legally be burned. Burning construction, renovation or demolition debris is illegal. The use of burn barrels is prohibited statewide.
- Generating smoke, odor or ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties is prohibited.

### Permitting

- New and modified sources of air pollution must receive a permit prior to construction.
- “New and modified” means any construction or modification of an air pollution source or control equipment, or any change that results in an increase in air emissions, or emissions of pollutants not previously emitted.
- This includes combustion sources, spray coating operations, gas stations, dry cleaners, and others.

### Wood Stoves

- State law limits the density of chimney smoke at all times.
- Only wood heating appliances that are certified to meet EPA emission standards can be advertised, sold, given away, or installed in Washington State legally.
- An adequate source of heat other than a wood heating appliance is required in all new and substantially remodeled residential and commercial construction within urban growth boundaries.
- Generating smoke, odor or ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties is prohibited.