

FLOOR - ASBESTOS

The original vinyl flooring placed in the townhomes may have contained asbestos. Asbestos was commonly used in flooring materials before the mid-1970s. In all likelihood, the original flooring in your townhome has since been covered with other types of flooring and, by EPA regulatory standards, is perfectly safe. If a Member is unsure whether the original flooring has been covered by other flooring material, they should contact the Office to arrange an inspection of the townhome.

Leaving asbestos-containing materials in place when possible is generally reported to be the best way of handling it. If asbestos-containing material is in good condition and left in place, it does not present health risks. If a Member plans to do any type of remodeling or renovation which will involve disturbing the original flooring, including ripping up carpeting or removing flooring which has been placed over the original flooring, the Member must submit an Installation Alteration Permit to the Cooperative, and they may also need to consult a flooring professional for additional guidance with their remodeling or renovation. A contractor that specializes in asbestos removal/remediation will be required. This could result in being required to leave your home for several days at the Member's expense.