



# About the Brownfield Reuse & Revitalization Program

**Dear Resident,**

You are receiving this flyer because you're eligible to participate in the City of Unalaska's Regulated Building Materials Project. This initiative is part of the City's Brownfield Reuse and Revitalization Program, in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency and Stantec Consulting. We are seeking a select number of homeowners to participate in an environmental survey conducted by Stantec Consulting to identify potential hazardous contaminants in homes. This effort will help the City better understand the needs of Unalaska residents and guide future clean-up initiatives. Homeowners who volunteer for the survey will not only contribute to keeping the island cleaner but will also be given priority for future contamination removal programs led by the City.

**If you are interested, please complete a Site Nomination Form by emailing Grant Management Coordinator Jackie Adams ([jadams@ci.unalaska.ak.us](mailto:jadams@ci.unalaska.ak.us)) or visiting us at the Planning Department at City Hall.**

## Why Should I Participate?

Ensure that your **health and safety** is not being threatened by the presence of any hazardous materials in your home.

Potentially increase your **property value**.

Confirm that there are no hidden environmental issues that could cause issues before starting on a **home renovation project**.

Increase the **lifespan and energy efficiency** of your home by identifying any problems like structural damage, plumbing concerns, or contaminated insulation.

Be **first in line to benefit** from future City of Unalaska clean-up programs.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What Is A Brownfield?

*A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.*

## What Are Regulated Building Materials (RBM) Surveys?

*A RBM is a physical study where building material samples are collected and tested by a certified inspector to evaluate whether they contain hazardous substances, such as asbestos, lead paint, mold, PCBs, mercury or other regulated substances. The results of these surveys will not be made public, and the information gathered is generally not reported to regulatory agencies. The overall goal of an RBM is to help homeowners with assessment and eventually cleanup of their homes. The RBM is also performed at no cost to the homeowner.*

## Will an RBM Survey Affect My Property Value?

*For properties with little to no contamination, this information can enhance marketability by assuring potential buyers or developers of the property's safety. For sites with significant contamination, property owners can still benefit through potential tax incentives, grant funding, or reduced liabilities, as early identification enables proactive remediation efforts, which may ultimately increase the property's long-term value and redevelopment potential.*

## The RBM Survey Found Hazards or Contamination - Now What?

*If the RBM Survey identifies hazardous materials such as asbestos-containing materials or lead-based paint, it's important to understand that their presence doesn't always require immediate action. If the materials (like siding or flooring) are in good condition and not disturbed, they may not pose a direct risk. The RBM report can be provided to an abatement contractor for an estimate. No matter what, homeowners will **not** be fined if contamination is found.*

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