

To: Applicants for Abrasive Blasting or Chemical Cleaning Permits

From: Bryan Glascock, Executive Director  
Boston Air Pollution Control Commission

RE: Procedure for Obtaining Permits

Below you will find a two-page permit application form to conduct abrasive blasting/chemical cleaning work within the City of Boston. Applications must be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the start of work and include the following:

- A certified lab report indicating lead (Pb) levels where work involves removal of paint. (a copy of the state Environmental Lead Laboratory's recommended paint sampling method can be obtained from this office)
- A check for \$25 payable to the City of Boston
- Complete answers to all questions on the application form

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Failure to obtain a permit prior to start-up is a violation of the Air Pollution Regulations and may result in work shut down and fines.

If you have any questions about the filing process or air pollution control regulations in Boston, please feel free to contact this office at (617) 635-3850.

**\*Note to applicants proposing work in historic districts:** if your work will include exterior alterations including repointing or grinding of mortar joints, abrasive blasting or chemical cleaning of structures in the Back Bay, South End, Beacons Hill, Bay Village, Bay State Road, St. Botolph Street, Eustice Street, or Mission Hill Triangle neighborhoods, or on a designated landmark, you should consult with the appropriate historic or architectural commission (617-635-3850) prior to commencement of any work.



## City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission Application for Abrasive Blasting /Chemical Cleaning Permit

**Note: Incomplete applications will result in DENIAL OF PERMIT**

(Please type or print clearly)

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Contractor Information

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City State, ZIP

Phone Number: (     )     -     \_\_\_\_\_

### Site Information

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City State, ZIP

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City State, ZIP

Owner Phone: (     )     -     \_\_\_\_\_

### Planned Dates\*

\* subject to change by APCC

Start: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ End: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Check Appropriate Box

Type of Work:

Cleaning

Blasting

Location:

Interior

Exterior

Surface:

Painted

Unpainted

Material:

Brick

Metal

Granite

Other

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FOR ABRASIVE BLASTING/CHEMICAL CLEANING PERMIT (p. 2)

**Job Specific Information:** *(please provide answers to all of the following - attach separate sheet of paper if needed)*

Proposed method of blasting/cleaning <i>(i.e. dry blast, wet blast, closed circuit, brush-on/rinse-off, etc. BE SPECIFIC)</i>	

Proposed abrasive/cleaning material <i>(attach MSDS and specifications)</i> <b>NOTE: If removing paint, attach lead-testing report from a certified laboratory. Removal of lead paint must be completed by a licensed professional.</b>	

Purpose of blasting/cleaning: <i>(i.e. structural, restoration, paint removal, etc. BE SPECIFIC)</i>	

Explain why alternatives are not feasible: <i>(i.e. high-pressure water, mild detergent scrubbing, etc.)</i>	
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Provide a detailed description of site preparation: <i>(i.e. site encapsulation plans to prevent escape of dust and grit, and if chemical cleaning, effluent treatment guidelines<sup>†</sup>)</i>	

† Work involving discharges to stormwater/sewer system must receive prior approval from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, Ph: 617-989-7000, [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org), and the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, Ph: 617-788-1170, [www.mwra.state.ma.us](http://www.mwra.state.ma.us)

Application fee: \$25, make check payable to City of Boston  
Mail fully completed application with necessary attachments and check to:

City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission  
Room 805-Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201  
For more information: (617) 635-3850