## HOUSING & ASBESTOS — WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW —

## **WHO TO CONTACT:**

- If you have a concern please put in a maintenance request by calling (757) 920-7100 24 hours a day.
- After hours, a call center will take the call and notify the on-call maintenance technician.
- You can also place a work order in person at our welcome center or contact your resident service specialist.
- Each work order will be treated as an emergency priority and have a work order number assigned to it.



## **ASBESTOS BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Housing built before 1980 is more likely to contain asbestos in various building materials, including pipe insulation, sheetrock and associated joint compound, flooring materials and associated mastics, and roofing materials.
- The presence of asbestos in a residence or structure is not a health concern unless it is disturbed or damaged such that fibers are released into the air.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) typically does not recommend the removal of asbestos-containing materials that are in good condition and are not disturbed, damaged, or deteriorated. In place management programs are recommended if abatement of the materials is not planned.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR/KEEP IN MIND:

- Damaged materials in the home that are exposed to the living space such as wall or ceiling systems, insulation on piping, or flooring materials should be reported to maintenance.
- HMC personnel are not trained to complete abatement of asbestos containing materials. Abatement of asbestos containing material must be carried out by certified third party firms.
- Asbestos is generally only a health hazard if it is disturbed or damaged.





