

**There is a summary at the bottom stating what to do, if you have the Chinese Drywall.**

On line reading revealed that the Florida Dept of Health <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/index.html> was investigating the complaints about the Chinese Drywall.

Lee County Health Department's Environmental Office @ 239-690-2100, to file a complaint over the phone. An individual who works for the State, deals with the air in the home will follow-up on my complaint. <http://www3.leegov.com/healthdept/>

Here is a list of indoor air quality inspectors from the Lee County Website <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/indoor-air/localcontacts.htm>  
The Lee County Contact is on this list Bob Kallotte, of Sarasota.

If you Google Chinese Drywall, you will come up with a lot of information, including this class action lawsuit [http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/stories/2009/02/02/daily28.html?ana=from\\_rss](http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/stories/2009/02/02/daily28.html?ana=from_rss)

It's the most information at the website regarding what to look for, and what to do. They also have downloads and videos for you <http://chinesedrywallclaims.com/> Mr. Serpe is a member of this organization which helps people find lawyers. In a quote from his website, "He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America (r), and has received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell law directory, which is the highest given. He has been named a "Super Lawyer" - among the top 5 percent of lawyers in Virginia- by Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine." <http://www.martindale.com/Find-Lawyers-and-Law-Firms.aspx>

If you find that you do have this drywall, document it with digital photos. The reason it is recommend digital is because you can see the image immediately, and you can tell if you have correctly photographed what it is that you want to see. If you don't have exactly what you need to see, you can correct your exposure, and take another image immediately. Remember that every image you take is digitally stamped with the date and time, so make sure your camera's clock and date are set.

When you check in your attic, make sure you wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt, a hat and also a face-mask to keep the fiberglass fibers from entering your mouth, throat and lungs. The proper clothes will protect your skin. If you do get fiberglass in your skin, wash gently with cool water, as it can become embedded in your skin and cause you to itch.

Please recheck the health issues that may result from this and make sure you document those as well if you or your children are suffering from them. <http://chinesedrywallclaims.com/>

SUMMARY: From a Resident on Muddy Creek who has the drywall in his house and his process.

I called in my Air Conditioning service for routine maintenance. Mine is the company that installed the units and worked for Lennar at that time. I had and renewed my service agreement with them, where they come in and examine, clean and provide maintenance on the units, twice per year, and you are afforded discounts on any needed services above and beyond. By setting up a maintenance agreement, problems can be found in advance, and you also help document any problems you do have. There were a number of installers contracted by Lennar at the time because of the size of this development. Mine is Spectrum Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, [spectrum4air@aol.com](mailto:spectrum4air@aol.com) e-mail/web site <http://www.merchantcircle.com/business/Spectrum.Air.Conditioning.and.Refrigeration.Inc.239-543-2722>. The other company is Sunset Air: <http://www.sunset-air.com/> Problems were found and noted on the Spectrum Billing invoice.

At this point I sent an email to the attorney that has filed a class action suit regarding the drywall problem. I filled out the requested information and gave them a brief summary of all that I did. This enabled them to get back to me quickly, within an hour or so, and the recommendation was to contact Lennar and inform them. <http://www.city-data.com/forum/fort-myers-cape-coral-area/519616-chinese-drywall-your-sw-fl-home-2.html>

I went to Lennar's website and filled out their form for submission. I received an email within an hour stating I would be contacted regarding this, and a second email telling me that the request for service has been forwarded and who will be contacting me further. <http://www.lennar.com/New-Homes/Florida/Naples> or <http://www.lennar.com/care/care.aspx>. Here is another link to a story about Lennar and what they have been doing, <http://www.miamidade.gov/buildingcode/Library/TEMP/Chinesedrywall.pdf>. I contacted everyone through their website, and copied the narrative into my files. This way I have a record. I saved every response from every contact in my emails. If I send out an email from my desktop, I included either a Cc, or a Bcc to myself so I have an exact copy of what I sent. This is important for all of us to follow up on for a number of reasons:

Your health and safety, what are you breathing in? They aren't sure of long term health issues. Copper wiring can be damaged, short out, and cause injury to you, and all of your electronics can be damaged. By contacting the appropriate agencies, you are helping them with the investigations. When you sell your house, you may have to disclose information on this drywall. I am sure they will have better testing equipment to check for the gasses that are produced by the drywall, so they will find out anyway.

Lennar's Response:

I notified Lennar, they responded via email twice, from two different individuals stating I would be contacted and I was. An appointment was made, where the individual came to my house, looked at the air handlers, photographed them, and also spot checked the electrical outlets and photographed them as well. I told him that the coils were bad and would need replacing and I was told that they would be replaced! I was told that his information would be reviewed, and that I would be contacted again to see if any air samples would be needed, and that's when Lennar was finished, I would receive information from them as to what my options would be. I was also told that if anyone does have any problems, they should contact Lennar immediately and let them know.

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