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### **Chinese Drywall May Affect Property Value**

**Pinellas County** - Property Appraiser Pam Dubov urges property owners of Pinellas County to notify her office immediately if they have Chinese Drywall damage or have made repairs to their homes due to the affects of Chinese Drywall.

Drywall was imported from China when it ran in short supply in Florida due to a combination of circumstances: an increase in new construction and renovations during the housing boom, and the need to rebuild after hurricanes. Some of the imported drywall has been found to cause a home, or certain rooms, to smell like sulfur, or rotten eggs, and it may cause corrosion of air conditioner coils, copper Freon lines, or other metallic surfaces in the home.

Pinellas did not see the same building activity as other counties, so we have been largely unaffected by the problems associated with the installation of the Chinese drywall. However, if you have installed the defective drywall and had to have it replaced we need to know right away since the problems associated with this product may affect your property value.

Homeowners should provide documents regarding the existence of defective drywall, and produce receipts or other records documenting repairs if they have been completed.

The Florida Department of Health ([www.doh.State.fl.us](http://www.doh.State.fl.us)) has developed a step by step self-assessment guide to help determine if a home may be showing the affects of Chinese Drywall.

Please call 727-464-3207 for more information.

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