

Instructions for bagging Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM)

This handout is to provide Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) customers with important safety information prior to the purchase or use of asbestos disposal bags.

Please note, the waste management facilities are not permitted to have asbestos on site. Customers will not be permitted, under any circumstances, to bag asbestos at any CSWM facility.

What is an asbestos disposal bag?

Asbestos should always be removed from your home by a qualified professional. If you choose to dispose of asbestos containing products on your own, there is a legal requirement to **double bag** asbestos material in 6 Mil poly asbestos disposal bags. The bags must be gooseneck tied and sealed with duct tape (see below).

The required 6 Mil poly asbestos disposal bags are available for purchase at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre and the Campbell River Waste Management Centre at a cost of \$2.25 per bag, including tax.

Should you wish to purchase these bags, please familiarize yourself with the asbestos safety brochure provided. Additional safety information is available at:
www.cswm.ca/asbestos.

Ensure that you...

1. Wear protective equipment when handling asbestos and minimize dust generated, as specified in Work Safe BC's "Safe Work Practices for Handling Asbestos".
2. Carefully place asbestos containing items in 6 Mil asbestos disposal bag.
3. Do NOT overfill the bag – leave enough space to properly tie it.

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Comox Strathcona Waste Management manages over 100,000 tonnes of waste and recycled material annually and oversees a number of diversion and education programs for the Strathcona and Comox Valley Regional Districts.

4. Wipe the outside of the bag clean with a wet paper towel and then dispose of the soiled paper towel in with your asbestos material.
5. Tie bag gooseneck style and seal with duct tape.
6. Place sealed bag in a second asbestos disposal bag and repeat step #4.



How to properly fill your asbestos disposal bags

Material	How to contain it
Asbestos waste	Double bag in 6 Mil asbestos bags
Asbestos insulation or vermiculite	Wet the insulation Double bag in 6 Mil asbestos bags Note: if insulation is wrapped around a pipe, dispose of entire pipe
Asbestos pipe	Seal broken ends in plastic Double bag small pieces or fragments
Drywall that contains mud compound that contains asbestos	Double bag in 6 Mil asbestos bags

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How to properly dispose of asbestos

Residents from the CSWM service area can submit an application to bring up to 9 bags of asbestos containing materials (ACM) to the Campbell River Waste Management Center (CRWMC) for disposal at 6700 Argonaut Rd. Asbestos waste is accepted by appointment only, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Residents must complete an [Asbestos Disposal Application](#) and submit analytical test results. Please allow two business days for processing. For more information, contact the CSWM service at 250-334-6016 or cswm@comoxvalleyrd.ca or visit our website at www.cswm.ca/asbestos.

Asbestos waste is not accepted at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre. No commercial asbestos waste is accepted at either facility. For disposal of commercial asbestos waste or residential asbestos waste in excess of 9 bags, please contact the [Northwin Landfill](#).

Want to learn more about asbestos?

For more information on the safe removal of asbestos from your home please visit: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/books-guides/safe-work-practices-for-handling-asbestos>

For more information about the safe handling and proper disposal of asbestos, please visit: www.cswm.ca/asbestos