

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous material that was used extensively in the construction industry from the 1950s to the 1990s because of its high strength and resistance to heat, fire and chemical damage.

Where is asbestos found?

Asbestos is found in over 3000 products. Some examples are:

- Drywall mud compound and stucco
- Spray applied fireproofing
- Mechanical insulation
- Vermiculite blown in insulation
- Linoleum and vinyl flooring
- Accoustic ceiling tiles

Remember, removing asbestos is **NOT** a do-it-yourself job!!

Always consult a professional for asbestos assessment and removal.

The Comox Strathcona Waste Management service is a function of the Comox Valley Regional District.

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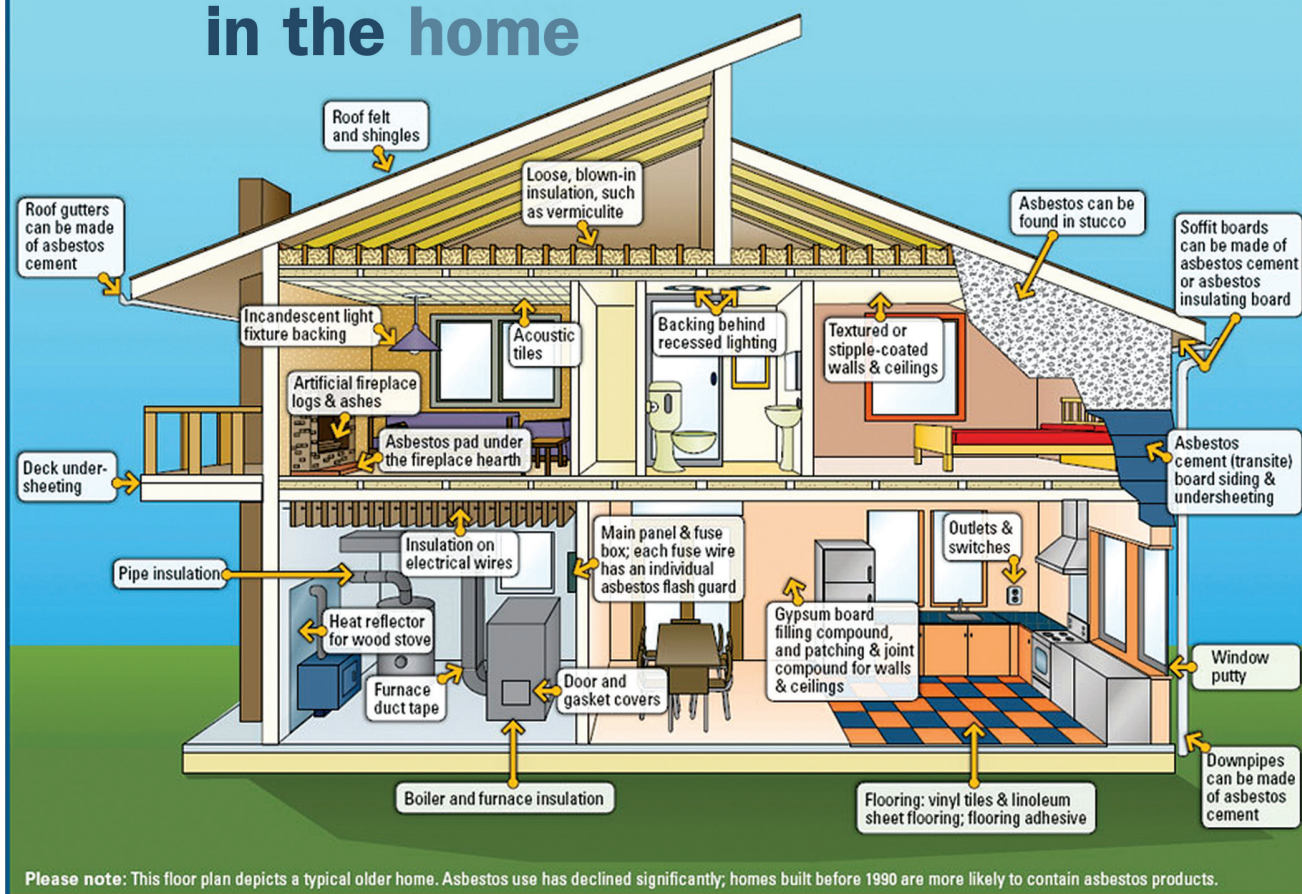
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Potential sources of asbestos in the home

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What are the risks?

When asbestos containing materials are in a deteriorated state, or disturbed during renovation or construction, they may release asbestos fibres into the air. These fibres can linger for several hours. Inhalation of asbestos contaminated air is a major health risk and can lead to serious and chronic health problems such as mesothelioma, asbestosis and pleural thickening.

How is asbestos detected?

Since the presence of asbestos can only be confirmed or denied by a laboratory analysis, consultation with a professional before undertaking renovations or demolition is always recommended.

Asbestos disposal within the CSWM service area

Asbestos and asbestos containing materials are now accepted on a limited basis at the Campbell River Waste Management Centre. If you wish to dispose of asbestos, you are required to familiarize yourself with the Asbestos Disposal Policy located at cswm.ca/asbestos.

Asbestos disposal bags are available for purchase at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre and the Campbell River Waste Management Centre for \$2.25 (including tax) per bag. Should you wish to purchase one of these bags, please familiarize yourself this brochure and the information sheet that will be provided to you at the time of purchase.



How is asbestos removed?

Asbestos should only be removed by a qualified professional.

A comprehensive list of Vancouver Island based testing / abatement companies can be found at: www.cswm.ca/asbestos

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