

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 goose-neck 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.
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 goose-neck 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

How to properly dispose of asbestos

Asbestos is not accepted for disposal at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre. All residents and commercial haulers from the CSWM service area must transport asbestos containing materials to the Campbell River Waste Management Center (CRWMC), located at 6700 Argonaut Road in Campbell River.

The CRWMC accepts asbestos waste for disposal by appointment only. As a homeowner, you can take your own waste asbestos to the Landfill, without an appointment, as long as you have less than nine bags, the load is properly bagged and sealed and weighs less than 1,000 kg. If you have 10 or more bags or are a contractor, hired to haul ACM for a customer, you must complete an Asbestos Disposal Application and submit your paperwork in advance. Other restrictions also apply. Please contact the CSWM service for more information or visit our website at www.cswm.ca/asbestos.

Please note:

- Loads over 1000 kg are required by law to provide a valid Hazardous Waste Transport Licence.
- Any customer over the allowable number of visits per year will be required to provide a Provincial Identification Number to show that a Registration of Hazardous Waste Generators application has been approved by the Province.

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 visit: www.cswm.ca/asbestos