

Subject: Residential Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) Disposal	
Branch: Engineering Services	
Department: Solid Waste - Public	Policy Reference: 5360 - 05

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to assist residential customers with disposal of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in the Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Service area.

Asbestos can be found in several building materials that are older than 1990 and can include, but are not limited to:

Drywall (gypsum) compound mud	The lining of hot water tanks;
Vermiculite insulation	Acoustic tiles
Asbestos concrete and concrete pipe	Stucco and textured ceiling
Asbestos cement board	Flooring: vinyl tiles and linoleum sheet flooring or flooring adhesive

For more information on where asbestos may be located in older homes, please see WorkSafeBC’s [‘Potential Sources of Asbestos in the Home’](#) or watch WorkSafeBC’s video [‘Asbestos in Demolition and Renovation’](#).

Scope

“**Asbestos containing materials**” means any material that contains levels of friable or non-friable asbestos, indicated through analytical testing at a certified lab.

“**Residential Asbestos Containing Materials**” means ACM from a residential property located within the CSWM service area, delivered to the landfill by the homeowner.

Guiding Principle

In accordance with WorkSafeBC’s Occupation Health and Safety Regulation, asbestos containing materials that contain 0.5 per cent or more asbestos by weight, at time of manufacture or any vermiculite insulation containing asbestos, must be properly contained and disposed of at an approved facility. All residential ACM must be double-bagged in 6 mil asbestos bags and brought to the Campbell River Waste Management Center (CRWMC) in Campbell River for disposal. Properly contain your asbestos waste, using the [‘Instructions for bagging ACM’](#).

Prior approval is required for residents with more than 10 bags of ACM.

All residents must complete the ‘Asbestos Disposal Application’ and include a copy of their testing results. Residents that have nine (9) bags or less can bring their bags to the CRWMC between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) without contacting the office in advance. Residents who have 10 bags or more, must submit their paperwork in advance and receive approval prior to arrival at the landfill.

Information from the Ministry of Environment regarding transportation and disposal of ACM:

Information to assist home owners in the transportation and disposal of asbestos waste if the waste is classified as hazardous waste (“waste asbestos”) as defined in the Hazardous Waste Regulation is provided in the following document:

[Asbestos Management by Homeowners](#)

Section 46(2)(c) of the Hazardous Waste Regulation exempts householders and farmers from the manifest and transport licence requirement when they transport their hazardous waste, including waste asbestos, from their homes or farms directly to a facility operated by a government agency, including a municipality, in quantities of less than 1000kg.

Prepare asbestos waste for disposal

All asbestos waste must be double bagged in 6 Mil bags labeled ‘asbestos’. These bags can be purchased from the Comox Valley or Campbell River waste management centers for \$2.25 each including tax.

For detailed instructions on how to double bag and secure asbestos bags, please see [‘Instructions for bagging asbestos containing materials’](#).

If you have 10 or more bags of ACM, please complete the ACM disposal application and forward it, with your test results, to the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) for approval prior to arrival at the Campbell River Waste Management Center. The forms are available in person at the CVRD office and once completed can be returned to the CVRD office for approval:

770 Harmston Ave, Courtenay, BC V9N 0G8
via email: cswm@comoxvalleyrd.ca or
fax: 250-334-4358
telephone: 250-334-6016

Please ensure you contact the Comox Valley Regional District prior to disposal of your ACM if you have 10 or more bags. Customers with 10 bags or more, who arrive without prior approval will be turned away. Customers without test results may also be turned away. Please remember to always include your analytical results with your application.

Note: If you have been hired to dispose of ACM on behalf of someone else, the landfill considers your load commercial asbestos waste and requires you to follow the ‘Commercial Asbestos Containing Materials Disposal’ policy.