



Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Service

ASBESTOS

The **Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Service - HWCDS** will collect cement asbestos free of charge provided it does not amount to more than **15m² of individually wrapped pieces OR 7 builders rubble bags** (each builders rubble bag must be easy to carry by one person i.e. ½ full).

Additional waste may be collected with prior agreement but there will be a charge, payable only by credit or debit card registered to the collection address.

ONCE YOU KNOW THE EXACT AMOUNT OF WASTE YOU HAVE FOR DISPOSAL PLEASE RING 020 7332 3433 FOR FURTHER DETAILS. (We need to know the exact length and width of each individual piece and / or how many bags.)

Instructions for the Handling, Storage and Packaging of Asbestos

Asbestos cement sheets were used for cold water tanks, garage and shed roofs, guttering and down pipes. If asbestos is in good condition it is best left undisturbed. However, asbestos sheets can deteriorate with age and may need to be removed and replaced. Fibres are released when sheets are broken, cut, drilled or sanded. Sheets are often held in place with screws and nails and fibres can be released when these are removed.

When removing asbestos sheets please follow the health and safety guidelines:

- ✓ Never rub down, sand, saw or drill asbestos materials and never use power tools.
- ✓ Never use a brush or scraper to remove moss from roofing sheets or debris from guttering.
- ✓ Always wear safety glasses, dust mask and disposable gloves when handling asbestos products. If possible also wear a disposable suit.
- ✓ It is advisable to dampen asbestos with a fine water spray prior to dismantling
- ✓ Avoid breaking the sheets during the dismantling process. If breakages occur put the smaller broken pieces into a heavy duty polythene bag.

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- ✓ **Wrap each sheet individually in heavy duty polythene and seal with strong tape. DO NOT WRAP 2 OR MORE SHEETS TOGETHER due to manual handling issues. Heavy duty polythene (1000 gauge) is available from most builders merchants and DIY stores. Wrapping will not be provided.**

The collection service for bonded asbestos is available to householders who pay the council tax for the property where the asbestos is to be collected. Small quantities of fibrous asbestos (no more than one bag of 80 litre capacity) can also be collected.

Asbestos waste will only be collected if it has been securely wrapped or bagged. The packaged items must be of a size and weight to be easily lifted by one person. Each sheet of asbestos must be individually wrapped. If the packaging is punctured or split the material will not be collected. Each item must be labelled "WARNING – CONTAINS ASBESTOS – DO NOT INHALE DUST"

Arranging the Collection

Please confirm the dimensions of each asbestos sheet (i.e. 1.2m x 2.6m) by calling the HWCDS on 020 7332 3433. After your list of waste has been checked to ensure suitability under the disposal service you will be sent a form to check over and sign. Once the form is returned to HWCDS it will be forwarded to the contractor who will contact you (usually by telephone) to make collection arrangements. You will be given at least 2 days notice of collection. Please ensure waste is wrapped and ready for collection prior to returning your form. If there are bulky items to collect you may be required to help the driver load the waste into the vehicle. The driver will assist in every way he can to ensure the collection goes smoothly.

PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED ONE COLLECTION PER YEAR

The waste must be stored safely and securely on ground level close to a point of vehicular access. When completing the hazardous waste consignment form please ensure that all written details are correct before you sign to release the waste to the contractor. You are legally obliged to keep a copy of the paperwork for at least 3 years as proof of proper disposal.

If you are unsure on any of the storage, handling or packaging issues with regard to asbestos please contact PHS Waste Management on 01438 759 850 for advice.