

Asbestos Disposal

Most of asbestos is found in the home, if your house is more than fifteen years old it is likely you will have asbestos in your home. There are more common places to find asbestos, such as:

- Asbestos cement in garages and sheds.
- Asbestos cement for drain pipes.
- Asbestos insulation.
- Asbestos cement on the side of bath panels.

Asbestos is usually safe if it is not broken or disturbed. You should never disturb asbestos, such as by sanding, drilling or sawing it. You should seek professional help and advice before removing asbestos, most of the materials can only be safely removed from using a professional contractor. In many cases you will have to take a sample of the material for tests to identify the type of asbestos.

Once the asbestos has been removed it should be disposed of correctly. If you need to transport your own asbestos waste in your own vehicle you do not need a licence. To make sure your car does not get contaminated with asbestos; you should spray the sheets with water, double wrap the cement with heavy duty polythene, ensure the wrapping is secured with tape and make sure vehicle occupants do not have access to the asbestos waste.

If your local county council are collecting the asbestos you need to do the following: The collection service will only come if you notify them with what type of asbestos it is and have dismantled and wrapped it correctly; the council will not dismantle or wrap the asbestos for you.



The photograph above is an example of what asbestos cement looks like in most homes.



This photograph shows a person dressed in the appropriate clothing to dispose of asbestos. It is important that professionals are employed because they will have the correct equipment.

For occasions when you may find asbestos in your home you must only dispose of it yourself if it is in small quantities. If you have found larger amounts you should definitely employ professionals to deal with the problem. If you are unsure on how to deal with an asbestos problem and need advice, do not hesitate to contact E4environment. You can email, fax or call us. Our contact details can be found on our home page:

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