

# **DOMESTIC ASBESTOS WASTE**

## **HOW TO DISPOSE OF DOMESTIC ASBESTOS WASTE**

### **WHY MAY ASBESTOS BE A PROBLEM?**

When asbestos materials age or become damaged they can release fibres into the air. When these are breathed in, they can stay in the lung for a long time and can cause lung diseases, including cancer. This is why asbestos has been classified as a Special Waste and is subject to specific disposal procedures. This leaflet explains the arrangements required to dispose of domestic asbestos in the Highland Council area.

(See Health and Safety advice contact details overleaf and the Asbestos in the Home Leaflet which is available from the contacts detailed on the last page of this leaflet.)

### **WHERE CAN IT BE FOUND?**

Asbestos can be found in many places around houses, especially those built in the 1960s and 1970s. It was used for insulation boards, lagging pipes, inside storage heaters and corrugated roofing. Highland Council TEC Service can advise you.

(See Health and Safety advice contact details overleaf.)

### **REMEMBER: IF IN DOUBT ASK FOR ADVICE**

You may wish to arrange for a suitable contractor to take a sample of the material to establish if it is asbestos (Please see Yellow Pages).

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# WHAT TO DO

## EIGHT STEPS TO FOLLOW

### 1. Check that your waste can be accepted

Highland Council has made provision for the disposal, by the householder, of small DIY amounts of bonded asbestos at the facilities listed overleaf. Please note that the council reserves the right to limit the size of any load and any number or repeat loads of bonded asbestos. Sheets larger than 6 feet x 3 feet cannot be accepted. Please call the Disposal Advice number for your area (on last page) to discuss your proposals **before** starting any works.

### 2. Remove it Safely

Householders should only tackle minor work, observing all the precautions and requirements set out in this leaflet. For more extensive work you should call upon the services of a specialised licensed contractor.

### 3. Handle it Safely.

Always wear protective clothing when you are handling any asbestos. Work outside if possible, and use hand tools rather than power tools. In some cases it might be safer not to remove it - TEC Service staff can advise. (See Health & Safety contact information on page 3).

### 4. Keep it Secure.

Keep asbestos waste, or even suspected asbestos waste safe from interference (e.g. children should be kept away from it). Keep it wet to avoid producing dust.

### 5. Wrap it up.

All asbestos waste should be double wrapped. Use thick plastic bags that are strong enough so that it does not tear when used, or other containers (e.g. a drum). Put the asbestos in a bag and seal it, then put it all into a second bag or container and seal that. Label the outside "**DANGER: ASBESTOS**". Large items containing asbestos should be double wrapped in thick polythene and labelled (e.g. sheets of corrugated asbestos roofing, etc).

**DO NOT BREAK UP ASBESTOS**

## **6. Fill in the paperwork.**

Pre-notification forms must be obtained from the Highland Council.  
(Contact details overleaf.)

**PLEASE NOTE – ONLY ASBESTOS THAT HAS BEEN REMOVED BY THE HOUSEHOLDER (AND NOT A CONTRACTOR OR OTHER PERSON) IS CLASSED AS DOMESTIC ASBESTOS.**

**IF A CONTRACTOR OR OTHER PERSON DOES THE WORK, THE WASTE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE TRANSFER STATIONS / RECYCLING CENTRES.**

## **7. Phone prior to delivery.**

Highland Council provide a number of sites which are licensed to accept household bonded asbestos waste for disposal. (Details overleaf.)

**You must phone the number given **before** you take asbestos waste to any Highland Council site.**

Please note that Yellow Pages hold details of private contractors who provide a disposal service for all types of asbestos waste.

## **8. Deliver it to the site.**

You can take the asbestos to the site yourself or you can ask a friend to take it for you. **Contractors are not permitted to use the facilities (See note 5).**

## **Health & Safety Advice**

TEC Services – Environmental Health, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness  
Phone: 01463 702662 Fax: 01463 702606

## **Disposal Advice - Highland Council TEC Services**

Contact your local Waste Management Officer – Operations (WMOO)

- **Badenoch & Strathspey**, Unit 5 Dalfaber Ind Est, Aviemore - Tel: 01479 810332
- **Nairn**, The Courthouse, High St, Nairn -Tel: 01667 458542
- **Caithness**, Market Square Wick - Tel: 01955 641284
- **Inverness**, 33 Lotland Street, Inverness - Tel: 01463 245780
- **Lochaber**, Carrs Corner Ind Est, Fort William -Tel: 01397 709016
- **Ross & Cromarty**, County Buildings, High St, Dingwall - Tel: 01349 868429
- **Skye & Lochalsh**, Broom Place, Dunvegan Rd, Portree - Tel: 01478 612727
- **Sutherland**, Drummuie, Golspie - Tel: 01408 635304

### **Transfer Station / Recycling Centres**

The sites listed below are licensed to accept Domestic Bonded Asbestos.

- Achuvoldrach Recycling Centre (at Waste Transfer Station) Tongue
- Ardachu Recycling Centre (at Waste Transfer Station) Brora
- Dingwall Recycling Centre
- Fort William Recycling Centre, Nevis Ind. Est. Fort William
- Gairloch Waste Transfer Station
- Granish Recycling Centre, (at landfill site), Aviemore
- Inverness Recycling Centre, Henderson Drive
- Nairn Recycling Centre, Park Quarry by Nairn
- Portree Recycling Centre (at Landfill Site) Portree
- Seater Recycling Centre (at Landfill Site), Bower
- Tain Recycling Centre
- Torbreck Recycling Centre (at Waste Transfer Station) Lochinver
- Ullapool Recycling Centre (at Waste Transfer Station)

Please remember that the actual amounts that can be disposed of at each site are limited by operational constraints and Waste Management Licence controls. You should discuss your proposals with your local Waste Management Officer - Operations (WMOO) before starting work.