

This policy is in place to protect customers and Staff at the Vancouver South Transfer Station and Vancouver Landfill from exposure to asbestos, and to meet regulatory requirements.

Asbestos-containing material is defined in Part 6 of the [Occupational Health and Safety Regulation](#). Information on how to identify and prevent exposure from asbestos-containing materials is available online from [WorkSafeBC](#).

General Asbestos Waste Disposal Information

- Asbestos waste from municipalities within Metro Vancouver is accepted for disposal at the Vancouver Landfill, with the exception of used drywall (gypsum) with mud or joint compound containing asbestos.
- **Used drywall** is only accepted at the Landfill from residents, and must be bagged according to the [Used Gypsum Disposal Instructions](#). A maximum of 10 bags are accepted per visit, up to 5 visits per year.
- **Vermiculite blown-in insulation, blown-in insulation and pre-1990 acoustic ceiling tiles** are only accepted at the Landfill as asbestos waste, with the exception of blown-in insulation and pre-1990 acoustic ceiling tiles that have been tested for asbestos and none was detected. Email test results to landfilloperations@vancouver.ca to request disposal of these materials as garbage at the Transfer Station or Landfill.
- Disposal rates for asbestos waste are available online at vancouver.ca/landfill

Asbestos Waste Containment Requirements

- All types of asbestos waste must be double-bagged and sealed in non-woven plastic (poly) bags or sheets that are a minimum of 0.15 mm or 6 mil thick.
- Bags must be individually sealed with a goose-neck style knot and duct tape. Sheets must be individually sealed with duct tape. The outer bag or sheet must be clearly labelled 'asbestos'.
- Additional instructions for specific materials:
 - **Vermiculite and other asbestos insulation** should be wetted then double-bagged.
 - If insulation containing asbestos is wrapped around a pipe, disposal of the entire pipe is often safest.
 - **Asbestos-cement (transite) pipe** and pipe with asbestos in the coating material (e.g. coal tar) must be double wrapped and sealed in plastic.
 - **Hot water tanks** lined with asbestos must be double wrapped and sealed in plastic.

Residential Asbestos Waste Requirements

- Residential asbestos waste is transported by a homeowner from their home to the Landfill.
- **Loads of 10 bags or fewer** are accepted 7 days per week.
- **Loads of 11 bags or more** are **ONLY** accepted Monday to Friday, 8am - 2pm, excluding holidays. Notification at least 2 business days before delivery is required by email to landfilloperations@vancouver.ca. Use the subject 'Asbestos Notification' and include the license plate number in the body of the message.

Commercial Asbestos Waste Requirements

- Commercial asbestos waste is delivered by someone other than the homeowner; typically an individual or company that receives compensation.
- **All loads require a Hazardous Waste Movement Document/Manifest** which can be purchased from FrontCounter BC Surrey (604.586.4400).
- Loads are **ONLY** accepted Monday to Friday, 8am - 2pm, excluding holidays.
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Commercial Asbestos Waste Requirements

- Notification at least 2 business days before delivery is required by email to landfilloperations@vancouver.ca. Use the subject 'Asbestos Notification' and include the company name, license plate number(s), number of loads, and approximate volume per load in the body of the message.
- For load cancellation, call the Landfill Office at 604.606.2700 by 11am on the day of delivery.
- The maximum container size is 40 cubic yards.
- Sealed drums are not acceptable asbestos waste containers.
- If bin liners are to be used for primary containment, two bin liners are required. Each liner must be a minimum of 6 mil thick and individually sealed. A single bin liner is sufficient if the asbestos waste is already double-bagged and sealed in non-woven plastic bags or sheets that are a minimum of 6 mil thick.
- Loads of friable asbestos in excess of 1000 kg must comply with *Transportation of Goods* requirements including having a Consignor Generator Identification number (CGI) obtainable from the Ministry of Environment (Surrey Office, 604.582.5200), and a placard indicating the vehicle is carrying hazardous waste.

For more information on this policy call 3-1-1 or 604.873.7000 from outside Vancouver. The City of Vancouver reserves the right to change this policy at any time without notification.