

Changes to the Disposal of Asbestos Waste in the Regional District of Mount Waddington

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WorkSafeBC is implementing mandatory training and licensing for asbestos abatement work to help keep workers safe from the danger of asbestos. As of January 1, 2024, asbestos abatement contractors must be licensed to operate in British Columbia, and anyone performing asbestos abatement work must complete mandatory safety training and obtain certificates.

These changes will have an impact on homeowners as follows:

- Any demolition waste that is being tested to determine whether it is contaminated by asbestos will be needed to be sampled by an appropriately certified technician.
- All demolition waste will now be assumed to be contaminated with asbestos unless lab test results can certify differently.
- When submitting lab results with a demolition waste load, a copy of the certification card of the technician who did the sampling must also be presented with the lab results.
- Waste from new construction will be assumed to be asbestos free but the RDMW reserves the right to refuse to accept material claimed as being new construction if there is concern about the accuracy of the claim.
- All asbestos waste must be securely packaged in two layers of 6 mil polyethylene.
- Asbestos loads delivered in roll off bin liners must not exceed 15 cubic yards of contents.
- Asbestos waste must be disposed of at 7 Mile Landfill and not at Community Transfer Stations

For more information about WorkSafeBC's changes, how to hire licensed contractors or further assistance to homeowners, use the following resources:

- Ask landfill staff, recycling depot attendants for the RDMW handout with useful web sites <https://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/solid-waste/>
- Ask your local building supply retailer for a copy of the RDMW information handout

If you need to hire a licensed contractor for asbestos work, the following link goes to a registry managed by WorkSafeBC: [Find licensed contractors - WorkSafeBC](#) <-Click on this link.

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/education-training-certification/asbestos-training-certification-licensing/find-licensed-contractors>

For more information that assists homeowners, please click the link below:

[A home renovation shouldn't actually take your breath away - WorkSafeBC](#) <-Click on this link.

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/news-events/campaigns/asbestos>

Procedures for Homeowners Bringing Asbestos Waste to 7 Mile Landfill

If a homeowner has generated demolition or renovation waste that needs to be disposed of at 7 Mile Landfill, the following guidance should be followed:

1. Determine whether the demolition/renovation waste is contaminated with asbestos by getting it sampled/tested by a WorkSafe BC certified asbestos specialist. This investment is strongly recommended by the Regional District.
 - Getting the demolition waste tested is the best way to prevent asbestos exposure through knowledge and in most cases can prove there is no contamination meaning disposal will be cheaper and easier.
 - If the testing shows no asbestos or other hazardous material contamination, just bring the waste with the test results and the name and certification of the tester. With the testing being done, the waste is disposed of with limited special precautions.
2. If the demolition/renovation waste is contaminated with asbestos or has not been tested, the homeowner will need to do the following:
 - Package the asbestos waste in a double layer of 6 mil plastic film and seal it properly (see Regional District Solid Waste web page for packaging guidance)
 - The landfill will receive homeowner asbestos waste from 10 to 11 AM on Monday mornings or the homeowner can call the landfill at 250 949-1681 to arrange to drop off their material at the same time as a scheduled large load of commercial asbestos waste.
 - The homeowner will need to handle the waste material personally when placing in its final location at the landfill face if it has not been tested.
 - The homeowner needs to contact the landfill prior to coming out to the site to confirm that wind conditions will allow the disposal of asbestos waste. If the scheduled Monday morning receiving time is too windy, it will be rescheduled to the Tuesday at 10 AM or a subsequent day when wind conditions are acceptable.
 - Asbestos waste brought outside of the weekly receiving time slot or a scheduled commercial load will be refused.

If you have any questions about your demolition/renovation load, contact the Operations Manager at the Regional District office at 250 949-1681. Getting accurate information about handling asbestos protects you, your family and anyone else who comes into potential contact with this waste.