

If you need to work with asbestos, make sure that you:

1. Read WorkSafeBC Asbestos Safe work procedure; free download www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/books-guides/safe-work-practices-for-handling-asbestos?lang=en
2. Place signs around work area warning people not to enter the work area unless authorized, talk to your neighbours.
3. Form airtight containment by enclosing the entire work area to prevent escape of asbestos fibres
4. Maintain a lower air pressure, negative pressure in the containment area.
5. Seal off stairways, elevators, and any other opening with poly sheeting and tape.
6. Shut down and lock out air heat or ventilation systems to the containment area.
7. Clean and completely cover or seal with poly sheeting all non-removable fixtures.
8. Cover floor or ground with poly sheeting and attach at least 30cm up the wall.
9. Use hand tools - not power tools.
10. Keep materials damp - not too wet.
11. Wear a properly fitted, suitable mask (eg. disposable FFP3 type). An ordinary dust mask will not be effective.
12. Don't smoke, eat or drink in the work area.
13. Double-bag asbestos waste and label the bags properly.
14. Clean up as you go - use a special (Class H) vacuum cleaner, not a brush.
15. After work, wipe down your overalls with a damp rag or wear disposable overalls (Type 5).
16. Always remove overalls before removing your mask.
17. Don't take overalls home to wash.
18. Wear boots without laces or disposable boot covers.
19. Put disposable clothing items in asbestos waste bags and dispose of them properly.

ASBESTOS TESTING

Testing of material can be obtained from one of the following laboratories:

ACM Environmental

217-2323 Quebec St, Vancouver- 604-873-8599

Maxxam Analytics

4606 Canada Way, Burnaby- 604-734-7276

Epoch Analytical

#100-42 Fawcett Rd, Coquitlam- 604-521-6806

Kinetic OHS

359 Lynn Ave, North Van - 604 988-0099

Total Safety EHS (Pacific Environmental)

112-4595 Canada Way, Burnaby 604 292-4700

Wes-Har Asbestos & Analysis

#115-13988 Maycrest Way,
Richmond- 604-279-9445

For drywall specifically, they need a sample the size of a toonie, sealed in a zip lock bag. You will require 3 samples for every 100 sq feet.

You can just bring it them personally and drop it off. Depending on how fast you need the test complete, the pricing will be close to the following:

\$40+HST for 5 business days (per sample)
\$60+HST for next day (per sample)
\$100+HST for same day (per sample)

Certificates from a licensed testing laboratory will contain results printed on letterhead, and include the following information:

- a) Contact information for lab
- b) Client name and sample ID
- c) Asbestos Amount (%/vol) – needs to be "None Detected"
- d) Name of Analyst

For information on asbestos in houses go to WorkSafeBC.com and search for *asbestos* or call for assistance and information at 1-888-621-SAFE (7233)



Squamish Landfill & Whistler Transfer Station

Drywall Acceptance PROGRAM

➤ Waste asbestos drywall is defined as hazardous waste under the *BC Environmental Management Act*, and must be assessed, handled, disposed of and transported according to the provincial *Hazardous Waste Regulation*.

➤ Drywall Board that is **not new or date stamped** is considered to contain asbestos and will need to have a sample tested prior to being accepted for recycling.

➤ Drywall Board that **has asbestos is not recyclable**, and is not accepted at any of the municipal landfill / transfer stations in the Sea to Sky Corridor. You must contact a qualified removal company as listed inside.

Carney's Waste Systems | P: 604-892-5604
38950 Queens Way | F: 604-892-5238
Squamish, BC, V8B 0K8 | admin@carneyswaste.com
www.carneyswaste.com



What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is a potentially deadly fibrous mineral that is resistant to chemicals and heat. Up until 1990, asbestos was regularly used in ceiling texture, drywall mud, flooring, and attic insulation. When these materials are disturbed (drilled, sawed, sanded, or broken up during renovations or demolition), workers or building occupants could breathe in asbestos fibres. Exposure to asbestos fibres, has been linked to permanent damage to the lungs, and lung cancer.

How do I find out if my house contains asbestos?

Have samples of suspected building products collected and sent to a laboratory for testing. **You should not do this yourself.** Have the samples collected by a qualified surveyor or consultant who is experienced in conducting asbestos hazard assessments. Ask to see his or her qualifications **before** any samples are collected. Remember, all asbestos—including hidden asbestos—must be identified

How do I protect myself and my family?

For safety, all asbestos-containing materials must be removed by workers trained in asbestos removal, wearing protective clothing and a respirator. You may be held liable if you knowingly let unprotected workers expose themselves to asbestos while working in your home!

It is the homeowner's responsibility to check the qualifications of the asbestos consultant and abatement or demolition contractor **before** any work involving asbestos begins.

Asbestos and Asbestos Containing Materials

Materials that contain asbestos include, and are not limited to:

EXTERIORS



CEILINGS



FLOORING



WALLS



INSULATED AREAS



Notice: review OHS Guideline Part 6
www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-guidelines/guidelines-part-06

Commercial transport of this material is subject to all Ministry of Environment rules and regulations. Licensed transporters must ensure they complete a proper manifest for all moved materials.

Older Drywall Board

New West Gypsum is the current recycler of all Asbestos-free Drywall. The following companies should be contacted when dealing with drywall that may contain asbestos.

Companies Which Remove Drywall with Asbestos

- Steve ST. Arnaud:
Asbestos Free Whistler
604-905-8680
asbestosfreewhistler@gmail.com
www.asbestosfreewhistler.com
- Fleck Contracting
778-838-1352
fleckcontracting@gmail.com
www.fleckcontracting.com
- Annacis Waste Disposal
604 523-3449
info@annaciswaste.com
www.annaciswaste.com
- Urban Environmental
604-299-0379
info@urbanenvironmental.ca
www.urbanenvironmental.ca
- HLI Hazmat Logistics Inc
604 536-7801
info@hazmatlogistics.ca
- Hazardous Materials Association of BC
604-580-5889
info@hazmatbc.ca
www.Hazmatbc.ca

All non-date stamped drywall has the potential to contain asbestos. This drywall cannot be recycled as it would unnecessarily expose workers to asbestos fibres and any recycling of this material would contaminate drywall that does not contain asbestos. It must be handled with extreme caution and professional abatement companies should be contacted to properly handle the material.

All asbestos containing materials must be double bagged with bags clearly marked as asbestos. Absolutely no asbestos containing material can be removed and transported unless it is double bagged.