

DISPOSING OF USED RESIDENTIAL GYPSUM

Squamish Landfill and Whistler Transfer Station

A special program has been created for residents to dispose of used gypsum (also known as drywall, gyproc, wallboard or plasterboard). As of June 1, 2021, residents can deliver used drywall to the Squamish Landfill or the Whistler Transfer Station, **as long as it is double bagged and sealed prior to arrival (see instructions below)**. Up to 10 bags can be delivered per day, up to 4 times per year. Please note: We do not accept used asbestos from businesses or contractors as part of this program.

WHAT IS USED GYPSUM

Used gypsum is gypsum that has previously been installed. Gypsum installed before 1990 may be contaminated with asbestos in the tape and mud, and should not be disturbed or removed without protective equipment. **Therefore, special care needs to be taken while removing the used material and preparing it for disposal.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAGGING USED GYPSUM

1. Wear protective equipment and minimize dust generation.
2. Carefully place material in designated gypsum bags.
3. Do **NOT** overfill the bag – leave enough space to properly tie it.
4. Wipe clean outside of the bag with a wet paper towel, dispose of the paper towel in the bag, tie bag goose-neck style (see p.2 for instructions) and seal with duct tape.
5. Place the bag in a second used gypsum bag and repeat step #4.
6. Sign the declaration form.



Only use clear used gypsum program bags which can be purchased at local building supply companies. Other bags (including yellow asbestos bags) do not meet the program requirements. Residents are not required to test used drywall after June 1, 2021 as all used drywall will be treated with the care required for material with asbestos in it.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEALING/GOOSE-NECK CLOSURE ON BAGS

1. **Twist the unused top portion of the bag into a tail. Seal the base of the tail with duct tape.**
2. **Take the leftover twisted tail section of the bag and bend it around to make a loop. Attach it to the base of the tail using duct tape.**



GYPSUM RECYCLING

The following types of gypsum continue to be accepted for recycling:

- New scraps of gypsum (or 'cut-offs') that were never installed
- Gypsum from companies/businesses that is date stamped post 1990 OR accompanied by a hazard assessment and/or lab results confirming NO asbestos

GYPSUM DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

All customers disposing of new or used gypsum are required to complete and submit a Gypsum Declaration and Acknowledgement Form upon arrival. The Form is available on the facility webpages and can be printed and completed in advance. The Form is also available from the Scale Attendant.

GYPSUM DISPOSAL FEES

The disposal fees for gypsum at the Squamish Landfill and Whistler Transfer Station are available on the facility webpages.

LOCATION AND CONTACT

Squamish Landfill: Landfill Rd, Squamish squamish.ca/landfill

Whistler Transfer Station: Brandywine Forest Service Road, Whistler -

www.whistler.ca/services/waste-management/depot-locations/waste-transfer-station

WORKSAFE BC

Whenever a renovation or restoration project is undertaken, it is the joint responsibility of the insurance company, property manager, building owner and/or contractor to meet all local and legislated requirements. Under law, it is your responsibility to ensure that all hazardous materials such as asbestos are identified and abated in a safe manner. Failure to do so could expose workers, occupants and the general public to hazardous materials with significant potential liability issues for all involved.

If on-site hazards are present, removal must be done by trained and qualified workers using operating procedures that meet legislated requirements.

Contact **WorkSafeBC** for Prevention Information Line for more information at **1.888.621.SAFE (7233)** or visit worksafebc.com.

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