

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a mineral fibre that is resistant to fire, heat and electricity. For this reason, asbestos was used in thousands of building products until approximately 1990. When left in place, there is little risk associated with these products. However, disturbing materials that contain asbestos can lead to inhalation of asbestos fibers, which may lead to serious health issues such as lung scarring or cancer.

Learn more at www.thinkasbestos.com

Materials suspected of containing asbestos include:

- Drywall with joint compound/mud
- Stucco
- Plaster and textured surface coats
- Vinyl floor tiles
- Paper-backed vinyl/linoleum/sheet flooring
- Mastics (applied adhesives)
- Grout, mortar, levelling compound
- Paper-backed fiberglass/rock wool insulation
- Vermiculite, blown-in/loose insulation
- Ceiling tiles
- Ducting insulation, duct wrap, ductwork
- Octagonal/hexagonal multi-layered roofing shingles, roofing felt
- Deck under-sheeting
- Furnace or boiler materials
- Artificial fireplaces and kilns
- Cement board, transite board, fibreboard
- Fire-proof board
- Asbestos cement pipe

Please note: This is not a complete list. Asbestos can be found in thousands of building products.

Resources

Where can I find qualified help?

Local companies that conduct hazardous materials surveys, asbestos testing, and asbestos removal can be found by searching online. Find a list at www.crd.bc.ca/renowaste.

Where can I buy asbestos waste disposal bags?

- Hazmasters (250.384.0025)
- Columbia Fire & Safety (250.386.6773)
- GFL Environmental Inc. (250.474.5145)

Additional resources:

Myrecyclopedia
www.myrecyclopedia.ca

WorkSafe BC - Asbestos
www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/hazards-exposures/asbestos



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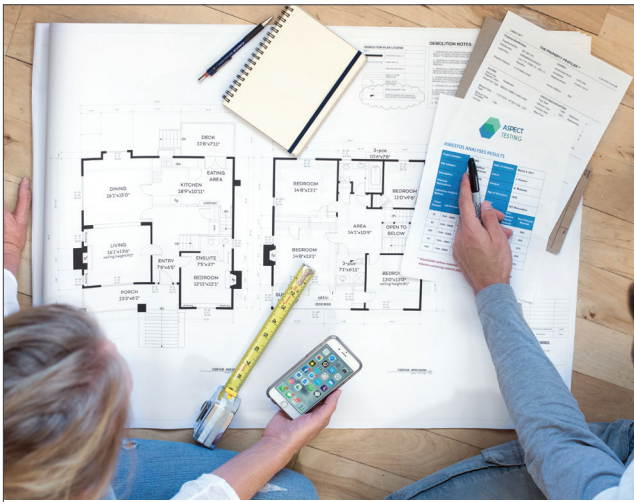
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Check for asbestos and other hazards **before** you start your renovation



THREE STEPS TO RENO SAFE + WASTE WISE

1. PLAN AHEAD & PROTECT YOURSELF

Home renovators and contractors need to take precautions when disturbing or handling hazardous materials such as asbestos.

To protect you and your family, hire a qualified professional to identify hazardous materials (asbestos or other hazards) **before** you renovate. Qualified abatement companies can safely remove and properly dispose of hazardous materials from your home and reduce your risk of exposure. If you hire a contractor for your renovation it is your responsibility to have the hazards identified and safely removed.

Hazardous materials are identified through a professional survey.



2. LEARN HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR WASTE

Renovation and demolition (reno) waste is not suitable for curbside garbage pickup. There are many drop-off locations for reno waste, including Hartland Landfill.

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/renowaste for more information on landfill bans, reuse/recycling options and special handling requirements.

- **Drywall** that doesn't contain asbestos is not accepted at Hartland because it is recyclable. Companies that accept asbestos-free drywall are listed in www.myrecyclopedica.ca. To deposit asbestos-containing drywall at Hartland, testing data is required to confirm it contains asbestos.
- **Asbestos** is accepted at Hartland for disposal by appointment only as long as it's properly packaged. Asbestos waste from your home must be doubled bagged in approved UN-rated, 6 mil poly asbestos bags that can be purchased from safety supply stores. For more information, visit www.crd.bc.ca/acm.
- **Clean reno waste** free of asbestos and other hazards is accepted at Hartland (through our pre-approval program) and private facilities. Each disposal facility will have testing and acceptance requirements for this waste.



3. GET PRE-APPROVED FOR DISPOSAL

Clean reno waste can be disposed of at Hartland Landfill with pre-approval. Pre-approval is required regardless of when the home was constructed. To get pre-approved, submit an application online at www.crd.bc.ca/renowaste.

Steps for pre-approval:

- Provide your address and list all renovation materials you will be bringing in for disposal.
- Upload your hazardous materials survey or lab testing results if your home was constructed prior to 1990.
- Submit the completed application.
- Wait for an email response providing you with a pre-approval number and relevant instructions for disposal.