

INFORMATION SHEET 8

DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE

Asbestos waste must be disposed of at approved local authority refuse sites. It must not be sold or re-used.

WHAT IS REQUIRED WHEN DISPOSING OF ASBESTOS?

Asbestos must be removed from the site to an approved refuse site as soon as practicably possible. Before removal:

- > an asbestos waste disposal plan should be prepared
- > the asbestos waste must be securely stored on site.

WHAT IS AN ASBESTOS WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN?

An asbestos waste disposal plan should describe:

- > how the waste is contained (on and off site)
- > the quantity (amount and dimensions) of waste
- > where the waste will be stored on site before disposal
- > how the waste will be transported (on and off site)
- > approvals from the local authority
- > local authority requirements such as quantity of asbestos and dimensions of containers
- > where the waste will be transported to
- > verification of correct disposal such as tip docket.

The waste disposal plan should be kept on site.

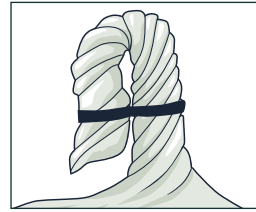
HOW IS ASBESTOS WASTE STORED ON SITE PRIOR TO REMOVAL?

Before being removed from site, asbestos waste must be:

- > stored in closed containers that are impermeable to asbestos dust, such as
 - 200 micron thick plastic bags, or
 - 200 micron thick polythene sheet.

Asbestos waste should:

- > be double-bagged in case of one bag rupturing
- > be in bags no bigger than 1200 mm x 900 mm
- > not be more than half-filled
- > have excess air in the bag carefully removed before sealing so there is no release of asbestos dust
- > have the bags tied with a goose-neck closure.



Goose-neck bag closure

All stored asbestos waste must be labelled with:

**ASBESTOS HAZARD -
WEAR RESPIRATOR AND PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING WHILE HANDLING CONTENTS.**

WHERE CAN ASBESTOS WASTE DISPOSAL SITES BE FOUND?

The disposal sites¹ that accept asbestos in Canterbury are:

- > Kate Valley Landfill, 554 Mt Cass Road, Waipara
- > EcoDrop Recycling Centre (formerly EcoDepot), Metro Place (off Dyers Rd), Bromley, Christchurch (limited to 5 tonnes of waste)
- > for disposal sites outside Canterbury, contact your local council.

¹ The sites which currently accept asbestos waste may change and there may be new ones in the future.