



West London Waste Authority

## Cement Bonded Asbestos Disposal

At Victoria Road Waste Transfer Station, South Ruislip

The receipt of cement bonded asbestos is subject to the following:

- **Double wrapping essential.** Only cement bonded asbestos is accepted, and it must be wholly enclosed by being double wrapped and sealed in heavy duty plastic sacks or sheeting. No other form of asbestos is accepted.
- **Health warning.** Breathing asbestos fibres can have very serious health effects. To inhibit the spread of dust & fibres, the asbestos should be dampened before handling. The breaking of asbestos sheeting before wrapping or bagging should be avoided. Protective clothing including a suitable face mask should be worn. (See additional details overleaf).
- **Free of charge only for residents.** Asbestos will be accepted free of charge only when it is waste from domestic premises in the Authority's area (i.e. the boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, & Richmond upon Thames) and is delivered by the resident in person who must produce two items of documentary evidence (e.g. recent utility bills, bank statement, Council Tax documentation) of the relevant home address. In all other cases, payment must be made at the Authority's current rate.
- **Stop for inspection at weighbridge office.** All vehicles (including cars) must report to the weighbridge office for inspection of the waste and to provide details of its origin. If the waste is approved, an authorisation ticket will be issued and directions to the unloading area will be given.
- **Unloading area.** A member of the Authority's staff will meet the vehicle at the unloading area. The authorisation ticket will be collected, and instructions will be given for unloading the waste into a designated asbestos container. When transferring the asbestos into the container, care must be taken to avoid damaging the wrapping.



## West London Waste Authority Cement Bonded Asbestos Removal advice for householders

**WARNING** The advice here applies only for cement bonded asbestos such as shed roofing. Other types of asbestos (soft or fibrous asbestos, asbestos insulating board, sprayed asbestos coating) should only be removed by a specialist licensed company. Further advice may be sought from:

- Your local council's environmental health department
- The Health & Safety Executive - Tel: 0845 345 0055
- The Asbestos Removal Contractors Association - Tel: 01283 531126.

### **Safety precautions for removal of cement bonded asbestos**

- Think the job through in advance and assemble all needed tools, access equipment, protective clothing, & sufficient plastic sheeting/sacks.
- Keep other people away from the work area.
- Wear appropriate protective clothing, preferably a disposable hooded overall, gloves, goggles and a face mask of PP3 standard.
- Thoroughly soak the asbestos materials to avoid producing dust.
- Work outside or in well ventilated areas; avoid working overhead.
- Leave any moss, lichen etc undisturbed, and avoid drilling or cutting the asbestos if possible. Use hand tools rather than power tools.
- Dismantle carefully. Remove sheets whole, if possible, and avoid unnecessary breakage into pieces. Wrap the removed sheets in two layers of heavy duty plastic sheeting and secure with adhesive tape.
- Carefully collect any broken asbestos pieces, avoid crushing them underfoot. Dampen floor area before sweeping. Carefully place any asbestos pieces and sweepings into stout plastic sacks, and seal with adhesive tape. Then seal each sack inside another sack. Never use an ordinary vacuum cleaner to clear up dust: hire an industrial vacuum cleaner that conforms to BS 5415 (Type H).
- At end of job, hose down work area. Remove overalls carefully to avoid raising any dust collected in the fabric. Seal disposable overalls in double sacks as for asbestos pieces above. Wash non-disposable overalls straight away, separately from other clothing, in a washing machine. Thoroughly wash your exposed skin areas.