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## ATTENTION RDKS RESIDENTS:

A new policy is coming into effect **April 2, 2024** for all residents in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine:

If you are disposing of renovation or construction waste that could potentially contain asbestos, certain requirements must be met before the material will be accepted at one of our waste facilities.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a long, fibrous, crystalline material that been used in industrial products since the 1800s. Its main uses were for sound absorption and fire and heat resistance. However, we now know that inhalation of asbestos fibres can cause serious illnesses, including malignant lung cancer. Up until 1990, asbestos was regularly used in ceiling texture, drywall mud, flooring, and attic insulation.

### Why is this happening now?

The new policy comes as a directive from WorkSafeBC.

### How will this policy affect me?

This policy affects home owners that want to dispose of renovation or construction waste at any of our waste facilities.

### ★ What do I need to do? ★

If you need to dispose of renovation waste, when you arrive at the facility you are required to prove home ownership and show the scale attendant either:

- A clear date stamp on each of the materials
- A test result from an approved laboratory

If you cannot provide either of the items listed above and if the structure at the address where the materials were taken from was built before 1990, the waste will be treated as **Asbestos Containing Materials**.

In accordance with WorkSafeBC regulation, any **Asbestos Containing Materials** must be;

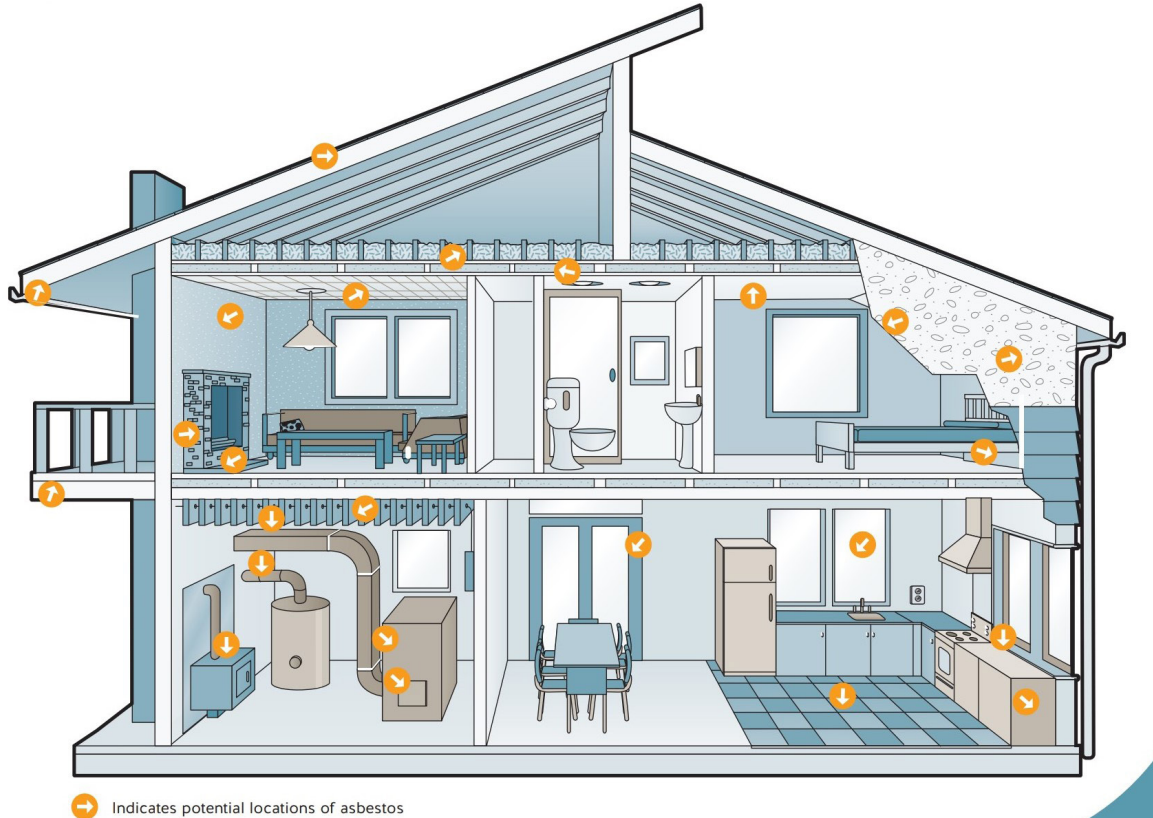
- Doubled bagged in 6-mil clear plastic bags
- Securely sealed, either goosenecked-tied or taped
- Labelled as asbestos

In addition, the load of materials must not:

- Exceed 5 m<sup>3</sup> (A load greater than 5 m<sup>3</sup> is considered controlled waste and will be subjected to a controlled waste application.)
- Exceed 1,000 kg (if you transport more than 1,000 kg of waste material you are subject to a License to Transport and a Generator registration. Learn more at [rdks.bc.ca/services/asbestos](http://rdks.bc.ca/services/asbestos))

All contractors or homeowners hiring contractors of any type must ensure that any material that could potentially contain asbestos older than 1990 or without a date stamp has a Hazardous Material Survey completed by a Qualified Person as per OSH regulations, OHSR 20.112(1)-(8).

## Potential locations of asbestos in a home:



**WORK SAFE BC**

**Waste material that may contain asbestos can only be disposed of at the following facilities:**

**Hazelton Waste Management Facility**  
82 Birch Road

**Thornhill Transfer Station**  
3016 Old Lakelse Lake Drive

**Meziadin Landfill**  
14512 Highway 37

Visit [rdks.bc.ca/services/asbestos](https://rdks.bc.ca/services/asbestos) for further details and to learn more about materials that could potentially contain asbestos.

If you have questions about the new policy, please contact our Solid Waste department at **250-615-6100** or [solidwasteservices@rdks.bc.ca](mailto:solidwasteservices@rdks.bc.ca).



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