

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

(Guidance Sheet for Asbestos Cement)



Information required from householder when making an asbestos collection request.

- Type of asbestos eg. corrugated, flat water tank, bags etc.
- Size of each sheet, length/diameter of pipe, dimensions of tank etc.
- Number of sheets, lengths of pipe, number of bags etc.
- Confirmation that, prior to collection, sheets, pipes etc. will be individually double wrapped in heavy duty polythene (1000 gauge), taped and marked '**WARNING - CONTAINS ASBESTOS - DO NOT INHALE DUST**'
- Confirmation that, prior to collection, small pieces of asbestos will be double bagged in heavy duty polythene bags (with a maximum of 25 kgs in each bag), taped and labelled as for sheets above
- Confirmation, that if the sheets are large (not easily manageable) someone will be available to assist the driver at time of collection.

PLEASE NOTE

Unwrapped/unbagged asbestos or asbestos where the wrapping/bags have been punctured will not be collected

Safe Handling of Asbestos Cement

Although working with asbestos cement does not require a licence, workers should be appropriately trained. There are a number of Health & Safety Guidelines some of which are listed below.

- Never rub down, sand, saw or drill. Always use hand tools (never power tools)
- Never use a brush or scraper to remove moss or debris
- Keep materials damp by spraying with water
- Wear appropriate mask (disposable FFP3) and disposable clothing eg. overalls, boot covers, gloves and safety glasses
NB: always remove overalls before face mask.
- Do not smoke eat or drink.
- Avoid breaking the asbestos.
- Double bag all disposable clothing in heavy duty polythene sacks and dispose of as asbestos waste.
- Do not wash overalls at home or carry asbestos into your home or carry it in your car.

The above is not a complete Health & Safety Guide and further guidance may be found at www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/essentials from which task sheets can be downloaded describing how to do a range of tasks safely.

Additional information may also be obtained by going to www.hse.gov.uk/hiddenkiller or by contacting HSE on 0845 345 0055

Rough Guide for Estimating Weight of Asbestos Cement

- For corrugated sheets multiply the length by the width in metres and then multiply by 16
- For flat sheets multiply the length by the width in metres and multiply by 11
- For downpipe a one metre length will weigh approximately 4 - 6 kgs (dependent upon diameter)
- For guttering a one metre length will weigh approximately 3 - 4 kgs
- Cold water tanks will weigh between 20 - 40 kgs (dependent upon size of tank)

PLEASE NOTE:

For ease of handling ensure that bags containing pieces have a maximum of 25 Kgs per bag