

What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral found in trace amounts throughout the world. Asbestos fibres are microscopic in nature which makes them difficult to detect with the naked eye. It has also been classified as a human carcinogen, a substance that causes cancer.

Asbestos is recognized for being fire retardant, extremely durable and resistant to chemical erosion. These properties made it a popular building material between 1950 and 1990. It can often be found in building materials such as, roofing shingles, floor tiles, ceiling materials, cement products and drywall.

Asbestos and Drywall

Until 1990, the tape and joint compound, or mud, used to seal the seams and fill gaps between drywall boards may have contained asbestos. Since the mud is feathered to cover large areas with a smooth finish, the entire piece of drywall must be treated as containing asbestos.



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DOES YOUR DRYWALL CONTAIN ASBESTOS?

If the answer is 'Yes' or 'I'm Not Sure' then you need to contact us.

UNDERSTANDING THE REGULATIONS

WorkSafeBC regulates that any material containing more than 0.5% by content of asbestos fibres is a hazardous material. This material should be handled by certified professionals as the asbestos fibres can be very dangerous.

At the end of 2015, WorkSafeBC introduced new regulations affecting the acceptance of drywall at Waste Transfer Stations. Drywall can no longer be accepted unless it has the proper date stamp or it has been tested for asbestos.

For asbestos-containing materials over 1,000kg a Hazardous Waste Generator (BCG) needs to be registered. This process can be complicated so our staff members can assist you with the application process.



WHY CHOOSE PHOENIX

Phoenix Enterprises has over 20 years of operating experience in the environmental services and remediation industry. For years we have been removing hazardous materials such as asbestos, mould, vermiculite and lead from residential and commercial buildings. We have also executed some of the largest remediation projects in the country.

Our team of experts specializes in making occupied buildings safe and comfortable to either work or live in. Everyone should be able to live healthy, happy and safe in their home, free of hazardous materials.

We have expanded our expertise in the remediation industry to also include the disposal of hazardous waste. Phoenix Enterprises is proud to announce that we are one of the few companies in British Columbia licensed by the Ministry of Environment to transport and store hazardous waste.

Bring your waste to us

Introducing our new 80ft scale. This scale has the ability to weigh vehicles and trailers of any size. Bring your waste (double bagged in 6-mil asbestos labelled bags) to us. The asbestos bags at local hardware stores do not meet WCB regulations and therefore are not compliant with our safety procedures. Contact us and we can supply you with the appropriate bags for a minimal fee.



We will come to you

We understand how busy everyone is and that people may not be aware of what to do with their drywall. Contact us to come pick-up and bag your hazardous waste. We will send one of our certified workers to come bag the waste and bring it back to our facility. Once here, the waste will be bagged and weighed, then safely transported to the appropriate landfill.

