

## **Frequently Asked Questions – Asbestos Disposal**

### **Where can I get rid of material that contains asbestos?**

**Colson Road Landfill** is the *only* approved council facility in Taranaki for the disposal of asbestos wastes (Resource Management Act 1991) as stated on WorkSafe NZ website as of 29 March 2016.

Council will only accept commercial loads of asbestos from APPROVED CONTRACTORS. Refer to ASBESTOS in the Yellow Pages for contractors. Approved contractors require a current Asbestos Removal Licence and licence number prior to weigh in. See Guidelines for the Management and Removal of Asbestos or phone 0800 030 040.

<http://construction.worksafe.govt.nz/guides/acop-management-and-removal-of-asbestos/>

### **Is it harmful?**

**YES.** Exposure to asbestos fibres can be harmful to your health. Personal protective equipment, particularly a P2 respirator needs to be worn when handling or removing the product.

### **Where can I find out more?**

Booklets on “Asbestos” are available from Health Protection Officers by phoning 06-753 7798 or from [www.worksafe.govt.nz](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz), 0800 030 040.

### **How do I know if the material contains asbestos?**

To identify if a substance contains asbestos it should be tested in accordance with a method specified by an accredited laboratory.

Information can also be gained from the Health Protection Officer at Taranaki District Health Board (ph. 06-753 7798).

The cost of taking a sample is in the vicinity of **\$80-\$100**.

### **How do I get it removed?**

**Friable Asbestos** – Any amount of friable asbestos or *Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)/Asbestos Contaminated Dust or Debris (ACD)* requires a **Class A licence**.

Asbestos that is friable can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to powder by hand pressure. If it can't it is considered non-friable.

**Non Friable Asbestos** – Removal of non-friable asbestos requires a **Class B licence**. Examples of non-friable *Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)/Asbestos Contaminated Dust or Debris (ACD)* include; asbestos cement sheet, vinyl floor tiles, bitumen based water proofing and asbestos cement moulded products.

**Unlicensed Asbestos Removal** – Removing 10m<sup>2</sup> or less of non-friable asbestos and ACM.

Adequate approved dust suppression methods must be in place to alleviate asbestos dust inhalation.

## **Council's requirement for the reception and handling of asbestos waste.**

### **How should I contain it?**

#### **Either**

For smaller quantities, approved 100 litre asbestos waste bags may be purchased from the Council Customer Services Centre on Liardet Street. All bags must be sealed before they are accepted for disposal.

#### **Or**

For larger quantities, Asbestos sheeting, asbestos-lagged pipes and similar long or large items should be double wrapped in heavy-duty 200µ (minimum thickness) polythene sheeting. The Polythene sheeting should be new (not recycled; recycled sheeting is a lower grade than new and can have flaws in it). Once wrapped, label the bundles to indicate the presence of asbestos.

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### **Disposal Procedure**

**Customers wishing to dispose of asbestos must comply with the following:**

#### **All Customers:**

Notify Council's Landfill Operations contractor 24 hours in advance of disposal. The current contractor is Warner Construction Ltd (06 755 4503 or 021 1926960).

#### **For commercial customers:**

1. Quote registration number(s) of the vehicle(s) delivering the asbestos wastes to the Landfill.
2. The number of bags or quantity to be disposed of.
3. Warners will advise the customer of the need to meet council requirements and will send the customer an 'Application for Disposal of Special Wastes' form.
4. Complete the 'Application for Disposal of Special Wastes' form, take it to the landfill with the disposal and leave the signed form at the landfill kiosk.
5. Asbestos delivery should be made to the landfill in accordance with Warners Instruction.
  - a. Weigh in at the Colson Road Landfill by reporting to the kiosk operator, then report to the operator at the tipping face. The operator will then direct the driver(s) of the vehicle(s) to the disposal site for careful off-loading of the asbestos.
6. Once off-loading has been completed, the vehicle(s) and driver(s) will withdraw to a safe location, at which time the landfill operator will cover the asbestos wastes with a layer of refuse of at least 1 m thick.
7. Vehicle will then leave the landfill tip face and return to the weighbridge to weigh out.
8. Payment - pre-arranged credit (available to existing landfill customers).

#### **For one off members of the public:**

1. Warners will advise the customer of the need to meet council requirements and will ask the customer to deliver the product to their depot on 65 De Havilland Drive.
2. Payment for disposal will be at the time of transfer in the Warner's Construction yard. Either cash or cheque (no EFTPOS is available).



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## **SW-REF-001 Asbestos Disposal Guidelines**

More information is available in the [Worksafe Approved Code of Practice – Management and Removal of Asbestos November 2016](#).

The [Health and Safety at Work \(Asbestos\) Regulations 2016 – Section 40](#) defines duties relating to disposal of asbestos waste and contaminated personal protective equipment.