

Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Rātonga Hauora ā Iwi o Tamaki Makaurau



Working with the people of Auckland, Counties Manukau and Waitemata

DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE

- For information about asbestos and how to remove it safely see the Ministry of Health Pamphlets *All About Asbestos* and *Removing Asbestos from the Home* available from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (below).
- We recommend using **O.S.H. APPROVED professionals** to remove any asbestos-containing materials from your home. They should arrange for the asbestos to be disposed of safely - if they don't, then contact the Occupational Safety and Health Service of the Department of Labour (O.S.H.).

There is currently no refuse transfer station, landfill or other waste disposal facility in the Auckland region that will accept asbestos waste direct from the public. Hazmobile collections *may* sometimes accept small quantities of asbestos.

- To dispose of any asbestos waste, you will need to employ **O.S.H. APPROVED professionals**. See "A" for asbestos in the Yellow Pages, then check with O.S.H.
- The following instructions aim to minimise any risk from handling small quantities of asbestos waste:

Instructions for Disposal of Asbestos (& Suspected Asbestos) Waste

1. Wear personal protective equipment described in the pamphlet Removing Asbestos from the Home.
2. Keep the waste **damp**.
3. Do **not** break up the material (especially asbestos sheets) into smaller pieces.
4. Place waste in closed containers that are impermeable to asbestos dust (**airtight**) and are conspicuously marked with the words: "ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIAL"
5. Dispose of the container, and any contaminated material (such as dust masks) with the waste.

**AIM: TO MINIMISE ANY DUST GENERATION, DUST INHALATION
AND CONTAMINATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Health queries: (& pamphlets referred to above) Duty Health Protection Officer (Environmental Health)
Auckland Regional Public Health Service, ph (09) 623 4600
- Waste disposal and Hazmobile queries: *Enviroline* ph 0800 806 040, or your local Council
- Asbestos in the workplace: Occupational Safety and Health (O.S.H.)
- To check whether a contractor has a current certificate of competence: Occupational Safety and Health (O.S.H.)

NB: Occupational Safety and Health is a division of the Department of Labour and will be found listed in the blue pages of the phone book under "Labour, Department of".