

## ASBESTOS

- **FOR ADVICE ON ASBESTOS REMOVAL CONTACT THE HEALTH & SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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### Waste Disposal

1. Waste disposal, including the disposal of asbestos cement comes under the remit of the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996. Asbestos cement is classified as hazardous waste under European waste legislation, and a specific code applies to waste construction material containing asbestos (EWC 17-06-05\*).
2. Prior to any removal work, a suitable facility for disposal should be identified. Asbestos waste can be disposed at an appropriate facility either in Ireland or exported abroad. The transfrontier shipment of asbestos waste is subject to control procedures under EU and National legislation, Waste Management (Transfrontier Shipment of Waste) Regulations, 1998.
3. Within the State asbestos cement can only be disposed of at a waste facility licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Only a small number of landfills in Ireland actually accept asbestos waste, and Local Authorities generally only accept small quantities of this type of waste from private dwellings. Large quantities from a factory roof removal etc. will require disposal at a private landfill licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency or exported to a similar facility.
4. Once the asbestos cement is removed safely then it should be wrapped in heavy gauge polythene bags (labelled for asbestos) as outlined in Section 47 & 48. The movement of hazardous waste within the State is subject to a notification procedure, involving the provision of consignment notes to local authorities of the despatch and destination. Any hauliers or contractors used to transport the asbestos cement waste must be authorised under the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2001, and have a valid waste collection permit to collect this type of waste.
5. Asbestos cement can also be disposed of at hazardous waste transfer stations licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency. These facilities accept asbestos and then arrange to have the waste disposed at an appropriate facility either in Ireland or abroad.
6. Details of Landfills and Hazardous Waste Transfer Stations are available on the EPA website. [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)
7. The Council Decision of 19 December 2002 (in accordance with the Landfill Directive 1999/31/EC) established criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste including asbestos waste at landfill.

### What landfills in Ireland are licensed to accept asbestos?

Kinsale Road Landfill, South City Link Road, Cork (021) 4276891

Irish Environmental Services, Western Industrial Estate, Dublin 12 (01) 4501100

Eco-Safe Systems, Unit 1A, Allied Ind. Est., Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 (01) 6239135

AVR-Safeway Ltd., Fermoy, Co. Cork (025) 42944

### Where will I find details of Contractors available to remove and transport asbestos to above facilities?

Any hauliers or contractors used to transport the asbestos cement waste must be authorised under the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2001, and have a valid waste collection permit to collect this type of waste.

### How should asbestos sheets be taken down from a building?

Contact the Health & Safety Authority for further information.

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