

## **ASBESTOS IN THE HOME**

The presence of asbestos in your home does not necessarily create a health risk but risks arise from the breathing in of microscopic asbestos fibres that are released through mishandling, or in areas where it is subject to heavy wear.

We encourage householders to dispose of all types of asbestos through a licensed contractor as asbestos must be removed and disposed of in a controlled and safe manner.

Small quantities of Cement Bonded Asbestos, arising as a result of your own household maintenance and repairs, can be taken to the [Household Recycling Centre](#).

- Asbestos must be contained in a bag provided by Peterborough City Council and sealed with tape to avoid the release of asbestos fibres.
- Each household is limited to one free bag in a 12 month period. If the total amount of asbestos that you need to dispose of will not fit into one bag, you must contact a licensed contractor for disposal. You will need to apply for a van/trailer permit if you intend to use the type of vehicle to come in to site.
- All asbestos must fit through an opening on the container measuring 1.2m wide.

If you wish to dispose of asbestos yourself, you must follow the advice and step by step guide given below:

### **Removal of Asbestos**

- Plan your work so that the asbestos material is handled as little as possible and wear protective clothing approved for working with asbestos
- Prevent other people from accessing the area of work and if possible work outside
- Damp down the asbestos before disturbing it and do not drill, saw, grind or break up the asbestos
- If dust is produced, damp it down and sweep it up. Do not Hoover the asbestos as this may spread the dust around the area you are working in
- Carefully place the asbestos into the bag provided by Peterborough City Council and seal with tape so as no asbestos dust can escape. See below for information on how to obtain your free asbestos disposal bag.

### **Disposal of Asbestos – Effective from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- Apply for your [free asbestos disposal bag online](#). Choose to either have your asbestos bag posted, or collected from the Household Recycling Centre.
- If you chose for your disposal bag to be **posted**, once your application has been approved you will receive a signed version of your form and one free bag within 3-5 working days of your request. Take the bagged asbestos and your PCC signed form to the Household Recycling Centre and inform a member of staff of your arrival. Hand your PCC signed form in to the site staff, who will then escort you to the asbestos container. All asbestos must fit through the opening, which is 1.2m wide.
- If you chose for your disposal bag to be **collected**, once your application has been approved you will receive a signed version of your form either by email (if indicated), or by post. You will need this to be able to dispose of your asbestos. Take your PCC signed form to the Household Recycling Centre and present this to staff, who will provide you with your bag.

Once bagged, return to the Household Recycling Centre with your form and inform a member of staff of your arrival. Hand your PCC signed form in to the site staff, who will then escort you to the asbestos container. All asbestos must fit through the opening, which is 1.2m wide.

- Due to health and safety implications, staff at the Household Recycling Centre will not assist with unloading asbestos from your vehicle or loading into the container. Therefore, you must be able to lift and carry the bagged asbestos yourself.

### **Other types of asbestos**

Asbestos from a non-domestic property cannot be disposed of at the Household Recycling Centre and must be removed and disposed of by a specialist contractor. Visit our [Health and Safety webpage](#) for workplace related asbestos guidance.