

Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center Asbestos Acceptance Guidelines

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

NOTE: Residents and businesses delivering asbestos in inappropriate bags, using bags with tears or holes in them, or bringing bags over the allowed weight limit will not be allowed to dispose of asbestos at the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

Improperly packaged asbestos exposes everyone in your vicinity to contamination and serious health hazards. Asbestos is a naturally occurring group of mineral fibers that are flexible, fire resistant, and can pose a serious threat to human health when the microscopic fibers become airborne and are inhaled.

If you are not sure whether a product contains asbestos, you can have a sample tested. You can also contact the manufacturer to inquire about asbestos content or contact the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) at 1-800-638-2772.

Once you have determined that you have asbestos containing material, follow the steps and guidelines for disposal of asbestos at the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center:

Disposal Guidelines

- ❖ If you are abating the asbestos yourself, please call the Resource Recovery Division of the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department at (805) 882-3600, and we will provide you with the required bags at no charge.
- ❖ If your asbestos has been removed by a certified asbestos abatement company, the bags must still meet the requirements listed below.
- ❖ Households are limited to bringing a total of 50 pounds of material (approximately 2 bags) per trip for free. Please be aware that California law prohibits you from transporting more than 50 pounds per trip.
- ❖ Bags should be no heavier than 25 pounds each to prevent tearing and to help in the ease of handling. **NOTE again that asbestos delivered in normal trash bags or other types of inappropriate containers, over the weight limits or in bags with tears and holes will not be accepted.** Call (805) 882- 3600 and we will provide you with acceptable bags at no charge.
- ❖ If you have large quantities of non-friable asbestos, please contact the County of Santa Barbara's Transfer Station at (805) 681-4345 or visit [LessIsMore.org/Permits](https://www.lessismore.org/Permits) for a permit application and further instructions.
- ❖ Please make sure the asbestos containing material is 'wetted' or damp before placing in the bag.
- ❖ The asbestos containing material must be double bagged and sealed (using the specially required marked 6 mil plastic bags) when it is dropped off at the collection center. The end of the bag should be twisted (goose necked) and then folded over and wrapped tight with duct tape. It should then be placed in a second bag which is sealed in the same manner. Please review the back of this flyer for step-by-step instructions on how to goose-neck tie the asbestos bags.

HOW TO PROPERLY TIE THE ASBESTOS BAGS “GOOSE NECKED”



Step 1: Seal the first bag, filled with no more than 25 pounds, by twisting the opening of the asbestos bag firmly.



Step 2: After twisting firmly, double over.



Step 3: Hold the twist firmly.



Step 4: Use duct tape to seal over the neck of the bag.



Step 5: Make sure the bag is sealed and contains no rips or tears. If you have tiles or asbestos containing material with sharp edges, please place it in a secure box, then place the box in the bag.



Step 6: Repeat the steps 1 through 4 to secure the second bag/double bag.