

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.

Free of Charge Disposal

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](#) free of charge.

- Each [application](#) is assessed on an individual basis. Small quantities of asbestos typically would be one or two (depending on size) small sheets, a single down/waste pipe, flue or gutter no longer than 2.2m or small water tank etc
- Asbestos must be contained in a bag provided by Peterborough City Council and sealed with tape to avoid the release of asbestos fibres
- You will need to apply for a van/trailer booking slot or permit if you intend to use this type of vehicle to come in to site.
- All asbestos must fit through an opening on the container measuring 1.2m wide.

Chargeable Disposal – Introduced July 2021

For asbestos over the amount of what can be accepted free of charge, and of which is still from your own household maintenance repairs but is not enough to warrant a commercial type collection, Peterborough City Council can quote for disposal.

- Types and quantities of asbestos do vary, each application is assessed on an individual basis. Typically, quotes are offered for quantities up to 6 sheets/pipes depending on size.
- [Applications](#) must be carried out in the same way, a member of the Waste Management Team will be in touch with a quote and how payment can be made
- Asbestos must be contained in the bag(s) provided by Peterborough City Council and sealed with tape to avoid the release of asbestos fibres
- You will need to apply for a van/trailer booking slot or permit if you intend to use this 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.

DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS

- After you have [applied for asbestos disposal](#), a member of the Waste Management Team will be in touch with the next steps and information on disposal. 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