

NOT SURE IF YOU'RE DEALING WITH ACM?

For a fee, the certified laboratories below* will test the content of asbestos in materials.

ACM Environmental, Vancouver, 604 873 8599
Astech Consultants Ltd., Cloverdale, 604 575 1122
Epoch Analytical, Coquitlam, 604 521 6806
Maxxam, Burnaby, 604 734 7276
Pacific Environmental Consulting, North Vancouver,
604 980 3577 | Langley, 604 532 0345
PHH Arc Environmental, Richmond, 604 244 8101
Wes-Har Asbestos & Analysis, Richmond, 604 279 9445

*Note: This list of independent laboratories is not exhaustive.

The ACM test certificate will be printed on letterhead, and include the following:

Contact information of the laboratory and name of analyst
Client name and sample identification
Type and amount (% vol/vol) of asbestos in material

DISPOSAL AT WASTECH TRANSFER STATIONS

ACM is not accepted at the transfer stations. To ensure the safety of our employees, material that cannot be confirmed as free of asbestos is not accepted at the stations.

The transfer stations will accept non-ACM materials with a date stamp, original packaging or a certificate from a testing facility. The test certificate date must be less than four weeks prior to drop off at the station. If any of this information cannot be provided, the material must be taken to the local landfill for disposal as asbestos waste. Please ensure ceiling tiles are double bagged.

Wastech reserves the right to fine and/or back charge responsible parties for any and all clean up costs incurred for the removal of ACM disposed at one of our facilities.

DISPOSAL AT LOCAL LANDFILLS

ACM is accepted at local landfills. Varying restrictions, procedures and special waste handling fees apply. Contact the facility prior to arrival.

Vancouver Landfill, 604 940 3213
District of Hope Landfill, 604 869 2333

LEARN MORE ABOUT SAFE ASBESTOS HANDLING AND DISPOSAL

Wastech Services Ltd.
www.wastech.ca/asbestos

BC Ministry of Environment – Management of Waste
Asbestos by Home Owners in BC
www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/hazwaste/issues/asbestos.htm

Work Safe BC
www.hiddenkiller.ca

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Go to www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca and search "asbestos".

ASBESTOS DISPOSAL CONTROL

Asbestos and Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) are hazardous and prohibited from disposal.

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ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS (ACM)

Prohibited materials that contain asbestos include, and are not limited to:

EXTERIORS

- stucco
- insulation
- felts and mastics



brick and mortar



asbestos cement

FLOORING

- vinyl sheet floors



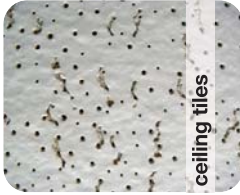
vinyl floor tile



leveling mastics

CEILING

- t-bar ceiling tiles
- drywall joints



ceiling tiles



acoustic finishes

WALLS

- thermal spray
- cement panels



plaster joints



stippled finishes

PIPES

- rain water lines
- steam / hot water



pipe joint gaskets



domestic water

INSULATED AREAS

- wall cavity
- machine room
- crawl space

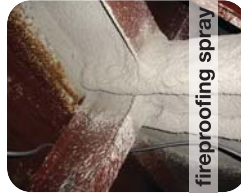


duct insulation



vermiculite

STRUCTURAL



fireproofing spray



cement pipes

WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous material that was a popular building material from the 1950s to 1990s. It was used extensively because it is an insulator, has good fire protection properties, has tensile strength, and is resistant to chemical erosion. (Work Safe BC)

WHEN CAN ASBESTOS BE A PROBLEM?

Asbestos poses health risks when fibres are in the air that people breathe. Asbestos fibres lodge in the lungs, causing scarring that can ultimately lead to severely impaired lung function (asbestosis) and cancers of the lungs or lung cavity.

Exposure to asbestos can happen when asbestos-containing products break down or when they are cut. People can put themselves at risk, often without realizing it, if they do not take proper precautions when repairs or renovations disturb asbestos containing materials. This can occur in a number of situations:

Disturbing loose-fill vermiculite insulation which may contain asbestos

Removing deteriorating roofing shingles and siding containing asbestos, or tampering with roofing felt that contains asbestos

Ripping away old asbestos insulation from a hot water tank

Sanding or scraping vinyl asbestos floor tiles

Breaking apart acoustical ceilings tiles containing asbestos

Sanding plaster containing asbestos

Sanding or scraping older water-based asbestos coatings such as roofing compounds, spackling, sealants, paint, putty, caulking or drywall

Sawing, drilling or smoothing rough edges of new or old asbestos materials

(Source: Adapted from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation information about asbestos. For more information please follow the CMHC link at www.wastech.ca/asbestos)