

## ASBESTOS HANDLING AND DISPOSAL ADVICE SHEET

Asbestos is a highly dangerous material. Diseases associated with the inhalation of asbestos fibres are asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma.

To minimise the chances of asbestos fibres being inhaled, it is suggested you use professional asbestos removal contractors to remove the debris safely. Companies who offer that service are listed in the table overleaf.

Should you decide to remove the asbestos and not use professional contractors, read the Ministry of Health booklets *All About Asbestos* (code 7021) and *Removing Asbestos From the Home* (code 7022). Following this advice could save your life! Copies of the booklets are attached. Electronic copies can be obtained from the Health Education Resources website:

<http://www.healthed.govt.nz/uploads/docs/HE7021.pdf> and <http://www.healthed.govt.nz/uploads/docs/HE7022.pdf>

To be accepted at transfer stations, the following acceptance criteria have to be met:

- Place asbestos in a sealed, heavy duty plastic bag and then place this bag in another heavy duty plastic bag.
- Fasten all bags with adhesive tape.
- Label on the bag in large bold letters '**CONTAINS ASBESTOS WASTE**'

The waste can only be disposed of at the transfer stations listed below. Please phone the appropriate number (listed below) to tell them you have asbestos waste ready for disposal. You will then be advised on how to dispose of it and how much it will cost.

- Metro EcoDepot, Bromley, Christchurch (phone MetaNZ on 03 9417513)
- Redruth Landfill Site, (contact Brian Gallagher at TDC on 03 6877265)<sup>+</sup>
- Fairlie Resource Recovery Park (phone 0275484851)\*
- Tekapo Resource Recovery Park (phone 0275484863)\*
- Twizel Resource Recovery Park. (phone 03 4350630)\*

\* Please contact resource recovery park staff 24 hours before disposing of the waste. Waste greater than 0.5m<sup>3</sup> in volume will be taken directly to Redruth in Timaru for disposal.

<sup>+</sup> Only asbestos waste from Mackenzie, Waimate and Timaru DC areas is accepted at Redruth Landfill.

**COMPANIES IN CANTERBURY WHO HANDLE AND DISPOSE OF ASBESTOS**

| <b>Company Name</b>  | <b>Area</b>           | <b>Cost</b>                     | <b>Notes</b>   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Canterbury Heating Services Ltd</b><br><i>03-388 5981</i> | Whole of South Island | \$260 per tonne                 | Offers handling and disposal to both residential and commercial clients.   |
| <b>Southern Insulation</b><br><i>03-384 8051</i>             | Whole of Canterbury   | \$40 per bag<br>\$470 per tonne | a) Bags must be double bagged and taped (this is mainly for ceiling scrapings)<br>b) Bags must not be too heavy (ie about to burst)<br>c) Asbestos roofing and sheets must be wrapped in a double layer of polythene.<br>d) Do not wrap more than 2 sheets of asbestos roofing in 1 bundle. Otherwise you cannot manually lift them. |
| <b>Harcourt Insulation</b><br><i>03-365 2652</i>             | Whole of Canterbury   | Free quote                      | Exact cost depends on job requirements (e.g. size of asbestos requiring removal, amount of asbestos to be removed and type of asbestos)  |