

ASBESTOS ENQUIRIES

DISPOSAL BY HOUSEHOLDERS

Domestic customers can dispose of small amounts of asbestos waste from their own household free of charge at the following Household Waste Recycling Centres provided by Cumbria County Council at Barrow HWRC on Walney Road, LA14 5UY or Kendal HWRC at Canal Head North, LA9 7DB.

The maximum that will be accepted on any day is 4 sheets, or an equivalent amount with a maximum of 3 visits in total (ie: overall maximum of 12 sheets or bags). All asbestos must be double-wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape prior to visiting the site and the HWRC site staff must be informed on arrival rather than the sheets or bags simply being left or put in a skip.

Storage capacity for asbestos at the HWRC's is restricted so please contact the Permit Helpline on 0845 055 1118 at least 3 days in advance to check the capacity at the site you intend to use before you go.

DO NOT BREAK UP ASBESTOS SHEETS AS THIS COULD RELEASE THE ASBESTOS FIBRES WHICH ARE A HAZARD TO HEALTH.

COLLECTION OF ASBESTOS / FLY-TIPPED WASTE

SLDC Contact Centre deals with these enquiries and can be contacted on 0845 050 4434 by external callers, or on 7545 internally.

Fly-tipped asbestos will be removed free of charge in most circumstances.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL WORK / LICENCE ENQUIRIES

Enquiries may come from businesses, builders or householders. The advice given on removal work will depend on the nature of the work and should normally be referred to E.H.O.

However, if a householder is simply enquiring if there are any legal restrictions for the removal of asbestos cement sheets to garage roof (or other asbestos sheets designed for external use, e.g. sheds, gutters etc.) then admin officers could advise that there are no regulations for such domestic D.I.Y. jobs, but care should be taken to minimise breakage / not to use power tools and to dispose of at licensed tip as described above.

Enquiries re applying for 'asbestos removal licences' should be referred to the Asbestos Licensing Unit (part of HSE) on 0131 247 2135.

ASBESTOS IN WORK PREMISES

Callers asking for advice on whether they are required to remove asbestos from the workplace, or for advice on how to manage the risks, should be referred to an E.H.O.

ASBESTOS IN COUNCIL- OWNED BUILDINGS

If the query relates to Council owned housing then refer to the 24-hour Repairs Hotline at South Lakes Housing on 0845-057-0080 or if it relates to other Council property then refer to the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Officer on 01539-717406.