

what you need to know

asbestos

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- Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of tiny fibres which usually appear powdery.
- If breathed in, these fibres can potentially cause harm.
- Asbestos occurs as white, blue or brown in colour.
- It has been classified as hazardous waste since 2005.
- Asbestos can be found in shed roofs, wall panels, drain pipes, infill partitions, bath panels, tiles, gutters and insulating heating systems.

In the UK there is currently no way to recycle asbestos so it is disposed of at special landfill sites.



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what to do with asbestos

There are two types of asbestos, **cement bonded (smooth)** and **fibrous**. Smooth asbestos appears as flat or corrugated panels, and can be taken to Waste Recycling Centres at Ardley, Dix Pit and Redbridge. With fibrous asbestos, the fibres are clearly visible and should not be handled – vacate the house immediately and contact the Environmental Health department at your district council for advice.

How to deal with cement bonded (smooth) asbestos:

- Asbestos in the home does not have to be disturbed if it is in good condition.
 - Wear full body protective clothing when handling it.
 - Dampen the asbestos with water.
 - Use hand tools rather than power tools.
 - Do not drill, saw, cut or rub it.
- Wash hands properly after coming in contact with asbestos.
 - If you hire a company or a tradesman to collect and dispose of your asbestos waste, make sure they have a valid licence from the Environment Agency and dispose of the asbestos properly. Tradesmen cannot use the Waste Recycling Centres to dispose of your asbestos.

what we accept at our Waste Recycling Centres

- Cement bonded (smooth) asbestos is accepted at Ardley, Dix Pit and Redbridge.
- You will not be permitted to dispose of more than eight sheets in any one visit.
- Before visiting the site, contact them by phone (see back page) to ensure there is enough space in the special skip.
- Asbestos will not be accepted if there is no room in the skip.
- Double wrap with heavy duty polythene and seal with tape.
- Report to the weighbridge office and follow all instructions given by site staff.
- You will need to show proof of address, such as utility bills or driving licence.
- You are responsible for removing the material from your vehicle and placing it in the skip.
- Place asbestos in the skip carefully – DO NOT throw in.

for more information about asbestos contact

- Oxfordshire County Council
Tel: 08450 50 45 50
[oxfordshire.gov.uk/
wasteandrecycling](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling)
- Environment Agency
Tel: 0870 850 6506
environment-agency.gov.uk
- Health and Safety
Executive (HSE)
Tel: 0845 345 0055
hse.gov.uk
- Asbestos Removals
Contractors Association
(ARCA)
Tel: 01283 531126
arca.org.uk
- Asbestos Control and
Abatement Division
(ACAD)
Tel: 01325 466704
tica-acad.co.uk
- Asbestos Building Inspectors
Certificate Scheme (ABICS)
Tel: 01332 298101
abics.org.uk

Contact telephone numbers for:

Ardley
01869 343459

Redbridge
01865 721464

Dix Pit
01865 880782

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