



# Delivering asbestos-containing materials to Metro household hazardous waste facilities

## ABOUT ASBESTOS

Asbestos is a very durable mineral fiber that is heat-resistant. It is also extremely hazardous. Asbestos can be found in a wide range of construction materials such as siding, ceiling and floor tiles, pipe insulation, plaster and more. When asbestos is disturbed or damaged, small fibers can be released into the air.

*There is no safe level of exposure to asbestos.*

Breathing in asbestos fibers increases your risk of lung disease and cancer, and direct contact with any amount should be avoided. Metro recommends that homeowners have an asbestos survey performed by an accredited inspector before undertaking a home remodeling project. If asbestos is believed to be found in a home's building materials, Metro recommends those materials be removed by an asbestos abatement contractor licensed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality provides information for homeowners on the best ways to identify and remediate asbestos-containing materials.

Please visit [www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/Pages/Asbestos-for-Homeowners.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/Pages/Asbestos-for-Homeowners.aspx) or call 503-229-5982 for more information.

**Residential customers may bring limited amounts of asbestos-containing materials to a Metro household hazardous waste facility. These materials cannot be delivered to a Metro transfer station.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

- The asbestos-containing materials must be double-bagged and sealed before they arrive at a Metro household hazardous waste facility.
- For each 25-pound load, you will need two, 6 mil asbestos bags no more than 3 feet in length. (see photo)
- No more than two 25-pound bags are allowed per customer per day.

**If you prepare asbestos-containing materials to bring to Metro, to protect the health and safety of Metro's employees and customers, you must follow these procedures:**

1. Wet asbestos-containing material thoroughly with water to ensure it remains wet until disposal.
2. Place no more than 25 lbs. of material into the first 6 mil asbestos bag. **Do not break up material. If it cannot fit into the bag, please hire a licensed asbestos abatement contractor to handle removal.**
3. Seal the bag by twisting the neck of the bag, folding it over on itself, and securing it with duct tape.
4. Place the sealed bag into a second 6 mil bag. Seal the second bag by twisting the neck of the bag, folding it over on itself, and securing it with duct tape.



## More than 50 pounds of material?

Residential customers with more than 50 pounds of asbestos-containing materials and all commercial customers can take their loads to a landfill permitted to accept asbestos for disposal. Two landfills close to the Portland area that can accept asbestos-containing waste are:

- Hillsboro Landfill, 503-640-9427
- Wasco County Landfill (The Dalles), 541-296-4082

Loads must be properly and safely prepared before they are delivered to the landfill. Please call the landfill in advance of your delivery for details, hours of operation and pricing.

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