

Department of Environment and Local Government

Disposal of Friable Asbestos

Friable (crumbly) asbestos waste is defined as friable waste material containing asbestos fibre or asbestos dust in a concentration greater than 1% by weight.

Friable asbestos waste can become airborne and inhaled. Therefore, extreme care must be taken during the removal, transportation and disposal of this material. The most common form of friable asbestos includes the sprayed-on or plastered material used for insulating, fireproofing, or decorative purposes.

Asbestos which is tightly bound, and is not easily crumbled by the hands does not require special disposal. Following these instructions will keep you compliant with our provincial environmental legislation.

Disposal

- Follow WorkSafe New Brunswick's "A Code of Practice for Working with Materials Containing Asbestos in New Brunswick" (<http://www.worksafenb.ca/asbestos.htm>)
- Asbestos waste can only be disposed of at the following landfills **by appointment**:
 - **Regional Service Commission 11** (formerly Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission)
 - **Regional Service Commission 9** (formerly Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission)
 - **Regional Service Commission 1** (formerly Commission de gestion Enviro-Ressource du Nord-Ouest (COGERNO))
 - **Regional Service Commission 10** (formerly South West Solid Waste Commission)
 - **Regional Service Commission 7** (formerly Westmorland-Albert Solid Waste Corporation)
 - **Regional Service Commission 3** (formerly Nepisiguit-Chaleur Solid Waste Commission)
- Only asbestos waste generated within New Brunswick shall be disposed in the landfills.
- Asbestos waste must be wetted, placed in either double-bagged 6 mil polyethylene bags securely tied or in a single 6 mil polyethylene bag securely tied and placed in either a drum or in a standard size cardboard box with all seams securely taped.
- Each bag, cardboard box and drum must be clearly labelled "WASTE ASBESTOS UN 2590" or "DÉCHETS D'AMIANTE UN2590".
- If the bags are punctured, the contents must be wetted and repackaged prior to landfilling.
- The personnel handling the asbestos waste must wear the proper respirators and clothing during the unloading and disposal of the asbestos waste.
- Unloading of the vehicle will be done by the driver or helper.