What HHW is Accepted

This list does not include everything we accept. If you have any questions, please call the HHW InfoLine at 1-800-646-1431.

Home, Garden, & Misc. Products	Automotive Products	Paint & Paint-Related Products	Household Cleaning Products & Items	Personal Care Products
• Grouts • Cements • Caulking • Sealants • Fertilizers • Pesticides • Herbicides • ant stakes • fluorescent lamps (all types) • household batteries • mercury thermometers • mercury switches • propane cylinders (5 gal. or less) • ballasts • pool chemicals • chlorine • bromine • cooking oil • fire extinguishers • aerosol sprays	• motor oil • car batteries • brake fluid • transmission fluid • antifreeze • waxes • polishes • car cleaners • car paints • refrigerants • grease • degreasers • solvents • wheel cleaners • road flares	• paints • stains • varnishes • water • repellants • glazes • wax • wood oils • aerosol paints • thinners • coatings • paint additives • curatives • epoxy resins • wall paper pastes • adhesives • wall paper removers • paint removers • asbestos (special disposal requirements)	• liquid cleaners • upholstery cleaners • oven cleaners • furniture polish • tub & tile cleaners	• shampoos • hair sprays • hair care products • lotions • perfumes/ colognes

More Information About Asbestos

Where Can Asbestos Be Found?

Asbestos is present in many common building materials used in private homes and in public buildings. An asbestos containing product cannot be determined by sight. The only way to determine if asbestos is definitely present in a building material is through a microscopic analysis by an approved laboratory.

Is Asbestos Dangerous?

The process of removing asbestos can be hazardous. Special techniques and equipment are needed to minimize the risks. Without precautions, you can expose yourself as well as other household members to air-borne asbestos. Asbestos fibers are lightweight, so they can stay suspended in the air for many hours. You should consider removal only if encapsulation is not practical. Hire qualified contractors that have been state licensed or EPA certified if removal is necessary.

Asbestos Waste Acceptance (Friable Asbestos Only)

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District HHW Facility accepts friable asbestos containing materials (FACM) only. Friable asbestos is any material containing more than one percent asbestos and that can be crumbled or reduced to powder by hand pressure. Forms of friable asbestos can be found in materials and products made prior to the mid 1970's such as "popcorn" ceiling coatings, uncoated pipe insulations (without the pipe or ducting), appliance insulation, and ceiling tiles. A certification by a licensed laboratory showing the material contains asbestos may be required.

Packaging Asbestos

The FACM must be wet-down to prevent dusting. Do not soak or over-wet the FACM to cause free liquids to be present. Double-bag asbestos waste into 6mil (or greater) plastic bags. Seal individual bags with duct tape. Label each double bag boldly with "ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL". This can be done by marking a strip of duct tape on at least two sides of the bags or attaching a marked tag at the closure point. Each bag may not weigh more than 50 pounds. The maximum amount of FACM that can be transported at one time is 125 pounds.

Non-Friable Asbestos Disposal

Forms of Non-Friable asbestos are material such as floor tiles, asbestos pipe, transite siding or pipe, and coated pipe insulation. These materials can be taken to the following sites:

NORCAL WASTE SYSTEMS
6426 Hay Road
Vacaville, CA 95687
(707) 678-4718

WASTEMANAGEMENT ALTAMONT LANDFILL
10840 Altamont Pass Road
Livermore, CA 94550
(800) 449-6349