

Find out more about safe handling and disposal of asbestos

ASBESTOS
SAFETY

The **Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency** provides information about asbestos in the home and workplace, including the identification, safe removal and disposal of asbestos.

Visit: asbestossafety.gov.au

Work Safe
VICTORIA

Worksafe Victoria provides Asbestos information including licencing, notification requirements and compliance codes.

Visit: worksafe.vic.gov.au/asbestos

VIC.GOV.AU

The **Victorian Government** provides a comprehensive resource to help understand the risk of asbestos and how to safely manage or remove it. Fact sheets are available in multiple languages.

Visit: asbestos.vic.gov.au



Asbestos Education Committee is comprised of experts across health, government, industry and victims of asbestos-related diseases and is focused on alerting people to the dangers of asbestos.

Visit: asbestosawareness.com.au

Asbestos preparation

The safest way to have asbestos removed is by using a licensed asbestos removalist. Asbestos must be **double-wrapped** in **minimum 200-micron** heavy black plastic or **double bagged** in approved disposal bags. The parcels must be completely sealed and in manageable sizes for unloading.

Due to manual handling rules, Council staff are unable to assist with unloading asbestos. If you have trouble lifting, you will need to bring someone to help you unload.

Unwrapped, unsealed or oversized asbestos materials will not be accepted.

Disposal appointment

An asbestos appointment **must be booked** at least 24 hours prior to disposal. For appointments, please contact Bairnsdale Landfill or participating transfer stations.

Contact Council on 5153 9500 for a safe asbestos disposal appointment in East Gippsland



 (03) 5153 9500

 feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au

 273 Main Street, Bairnsdale, 3875

 eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

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SAFE ASBESTOS DISPOSAL



ASBESTOS CAN KILL

Never bin asbestos in
any Council kerbside
or street litter bins

1 IN 3 AUSTRALIAN HOMES CONTAIN ASBESTOS!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ASBESTOS COULD BE IN YOUR HOME?

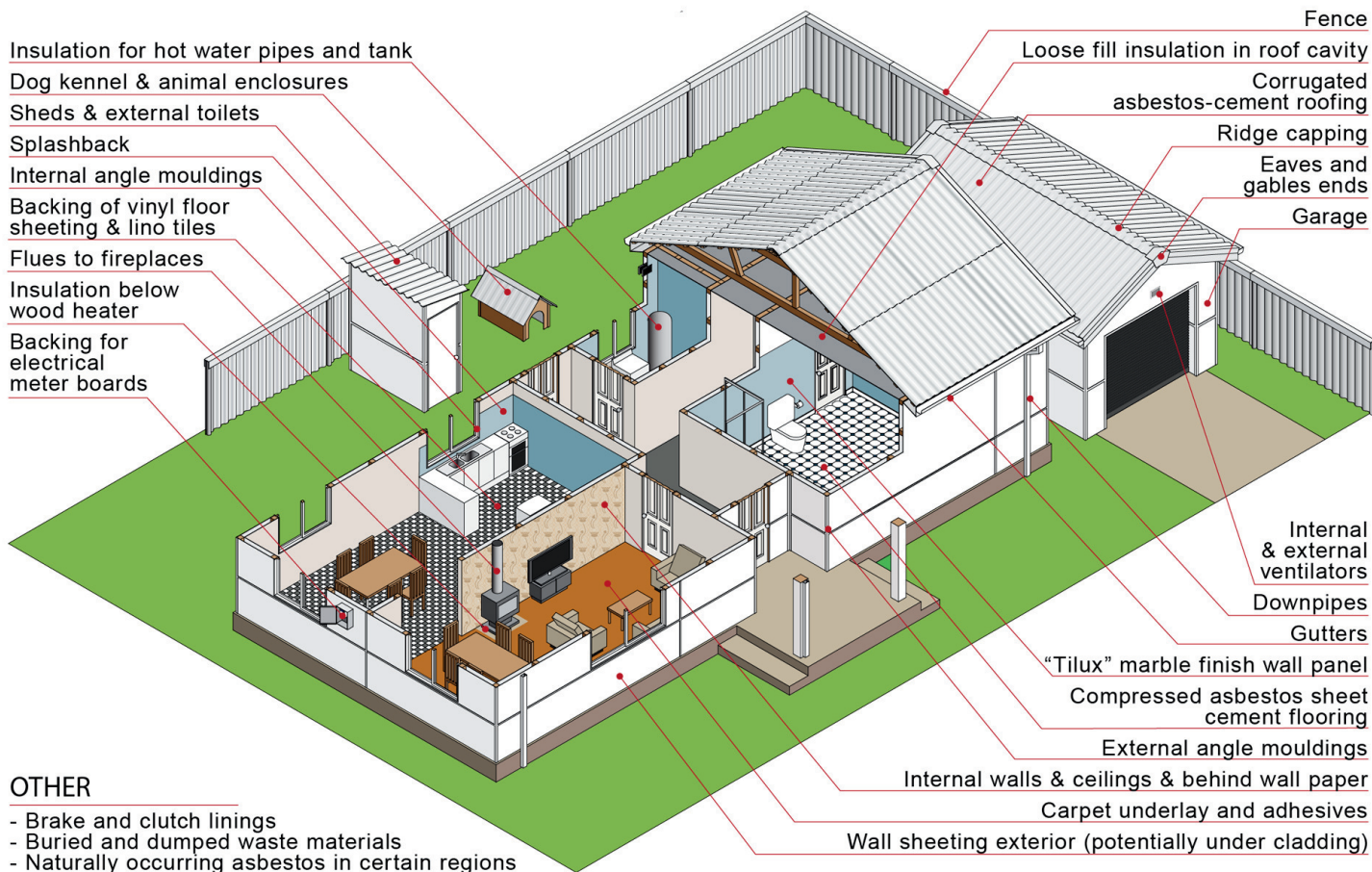


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PREPARING ASBESTOS FOR DISPOSAL

Asbestos testing

Asbestos can be found in kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, underfloor coverings such as carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind walls and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, garages, ceilings, eaves, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions to homes, outdoor toilets, and backyard sheds.

You can't tell if a material contains asbestos just by looking at it. Only scientific testing of a sample can confirm this. Safely wrapped samples of products can be sent by mail or courier for asbestos testing. An asbestos sample must be tested by an asbestos laboratory approved by the National Association of Testing Authorities.

Visit: nata.com.au

As a general rule:

Construction prior to the mid-1980s is **highly likely** to have asbestos-containing materials.

Construction between the mid-1980's and 1990 is **likely** to have asbestos-containing materials.

Construction after 1990 is **unlikely** to have asbestos-containing materials.

If you are an owner-builder or conducting renovations, the Asbestos Victoria and Asbestos Safety websites provide information about when you can remove asbestos yourself and when it needs to be carried out by a licensed asbestos remover.

1 in 3 Australian homes contains asbestos building material

The risk to individuals occurs when asbestos building materials are disturbed or damaged. This can release dangerous dust and fibres that can be inhaled.

Importantly, if you find asbestos in your home;
Don't cut it! **Don't** drill it! **Don't** sand it! **Don't** saw it!
Don't scrape it! **Don't** dismantle it! **Don't** tip it!
Don't water blast it! **Don't** demolish it!
And whatever you do... **Don't** dump it!

There are legal and safety requirements for the management of asbestos. Follow the regulations to ensure the safety of your health.