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Attention residents

Important health advice

Asbestos material

Precautions for handling asbestos cement debris

- Allow access only for those wearing appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Ensure the site is kept damp at all times while removing the debris.
- Personal protective equipment:
 - half-face respirator fitted with a class P1 or P2 filter or a class P1 or P2 disposable respirator complying with Australian Standard 1716
 - disposable coveralls
 - footwear
 - gloves
 - hat.
- Do not shake dusty clothes.
- Wrap waste securely in two layers of plastic sheeting (if possible) at least 0.2 mm thick (for example heavy duty builders' plastic) and seal with adhesive tape.
- Dispose of waste at a landfill site approved by the local council to accept asbestos. Label outer wrapping to indicate that it contains asbestos waste.
- During emergency clean up, plastic sheeting may not be available. In this case, ensure the asbestos is kept wet and transported to an approved landfill site and buried as soon as possible. Minimise dust generation during removal, transport and disposal.
- Segregate asbestos from other building material, if possible, to reduce the volume of asbestos waste for disposal.
- Do not use a power tool or power appliance, a high pressure water process, or compressed air or abrasive blasting to clean asbestos products.

Please contact your local councils or emergency workers for information on any special requirements or arrangements relating to waste collection and disposal in your local area.