



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

LANDFILL ADVISORY

Information Sheet

The Prince Rupert Landfill is where the community brings the majority of our waste, but there are a lot of things that people bring to the landfill that don't belong there, or need to be disposed of carefully. These items can pose a risk to both landfill staff and the environment.

Items Not Permitted at Landfill:

The following items are not permitted to be disposed of at the landfill, and can be recycled instead:

- Cans of paint and spraypaint
- Smaller household electronics and appliances
- Batteries
- Tires

All of these items can be brought to the local Recycling Depot, but you should contact them in advance to see if there are disposal requirements or applicable fees. In addition, materials that can be recycled, like cardboard, should be recycled to reduce overall waste production.

North Coast Regional District Recycling Depot
251 Kaien Road
Prince Rupert, B.C.
(250) 624-2455

The following items can be recycled at locations other than our local Recycling Depot:

- Used outdoor power equipment, meanwhile, can be disposed of at Seaport Marina in Prince Rupert.
- Used oil and antifreeze can be brought to your local auto repair shop (but call ahead to confirm).
- And propane cylinders can be brought to Coastal Propane on George Hills Way.

Restricted Items at Landfill:

There are other items that are permitted at the landfill, but that have restrictions and sometimes additional fees, including Asbestos. For additional information on asbestos disposal, see the other side of this handout.

If you have any restricted items, please let the scale attendant know, so that we can assure we direct you about how to appropriately dispose of them.

Thank you in advance for abiding by these regulations, which have been put into place to keep staff and the environment around our landfill safe.

CONTACT

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Hours of Operation

8:30am – 4:45pm Mon to Fri
10:00am – 3:45pm Sat
CLOSED on Sundays
and all Stat Holidays



ASBESTOS DISPOSAL

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The proper treatment and disposal of Asbestos is key to protecting the health and safety not only of our landfill workers, but also of other residents that visit the landfill to dispose of waste.

Asbestos is accepted, but arrangements must be pre-made with the landfill prior to dropping it off, and the disposal requirements laid out below must be followed.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Asbestos?

Asbestos refers to a group of naturally occurring fibrous silicate minerals that are fire/heat resistant and excellent electrical insulators. Because of these properties, Asbestos is contained in more than 3,000 building materials made before the 1990s. However, it was discovered to be carcinogenic (cancer-causing), with negative health impacts on those who worked with it regularly.

What types of things contain asbestos, and why should I be concerned?

Asbestos was commonly used in household construction up until the 1990s when it was largely banned from use. You can be exposed to asbestos when a home or building is being renovated or demolished. A professional can be contacted to test whether it is present in your home, and can also be hired to manage disposal. It is important that if you are conducting renovations yourself on an older home, and don't know whether asbestos is present, to assume that it is and take all necessary precautions, including those noted for disposal below. The following are examples of major construction materials that you should be careful around:

- Insulation
- Roofing shingles and felt or siding
- Ceiling and floor tiles
- Plaster, older paints, caulking and drywall

If testing on construction materials has been conducted and has come back positive, or if testing has not been conducted on your materials but your home was constructed prior to 1990, please follow the disposal procedures outlined below.

How can we bring asbestos to the landfill for safe disposal?

Please note that the directions below apply ONLY to the residential disposal of materials potentially containing asbestos. Commercial disposal has a separate set of regulations.

- Contact the landfill in advance to advise them that you would like to dispose of potential asbestos containing material
- Asbestos should be double bagged in 6 mil waste bags (which are available at the local hardware store), and the top of the bag should be firmly taped off to prevent material or dust escaping
- The attendant should be notified when you arrive at the landfill so that you can be directed appropriately

For additional information on the risks of asbestos exposure and management, see the link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/air-quality/indoor-air-contaminants/health-risks-asbestos.html>

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